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Jewish Agency Forces Agudas To Drop Plans for Fund Campaign

NEW YORK—The recently-established committee of the Jewish Agency to check multiple fund-raising campaigns stopped the Agudas Israel from launching a \$2,000,000 drive in New York, it was disclosed this week.

Boris Smolar, writing in his Jewish Telegraphic Agency column, "Between You and Me," said the ultra-Orthodox group recently turned pro-Zionist, had planned to seek the money to support religious activities in Israel.

In fighting the proposed drive, Smolar wrote, the Jewish Agency committee said that the Jewish Agency has already spent \$1,500,000 for Agudas groups and allocated another \$750,000 for the remainder of the budgetary year for those groups.

The committee told Agudas that since these sums were raised by the United Jewish Appeal and similar organizations in other countries, there was no excuse for Agudas to start another campaign.

Committee members warned the organization that a public statement to that effect was being prepared. Smolar reported that when Agudas leaders learned of the contents of the prepared statement, they quietly dropped their decision to launch an independent drive.

Smolar also disclosed that the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds is determined to be represented at the annual UJA contract negotiations and to play a role in setting UJA policies.

The CJFWF played a major role last November in winning a peace agreement between the United Palestine Appeal, then controlled by the Zionist Organization of America, and the Committee of Contributors, a group of large givers organized in opposition to that control. The UPA is the largest agency of the United Jewish Appeal.

Subsequently the CJFWF set up a committee, under Julian Freeman of Indianapolis, to study means of checking the spreading chaos of independent fund-raising in the U. S. for Jewish causes.

Smolar reported that the CJFWF intention to take a larger role in the annual UJA contract talks will be disclosed in letters to the UJA and to its main partners, the United Palestine Appeal and the Joint Distribution Committee.

Rabbinical Assembly Hears Attack On JWB As Secular Oriented

(Other convention stories inside)

By G. M. COHEN

CONCORD HOTEL, Lake Kiamesha, N. Y.—A decision on whether the U. S. Conservative rabbinates should formally approve such changes as allowing women to be called to Torah, riding to services on Saturday and similar adjustment seemed likely to be postponed this week at the 49th annual convention of the Rabbinical Assembly of America.

A tactical move by those opposed to change seemed likely to win out as the Orthodox-minded Jewish Theological Seminary took a hand in the matter and asked to participate in making a decision.

The request represented a sharp change from the JTS stand of the past year, a hands off policy which would have allowed changes to be made but not involve the institution, which has vigorously resisted change.

Details Revealed

The report of the law committee had not been made as The Post went to press but it was learned reliably that it would favor calling women to Torah when individual congregations were so inclined; Bas Mitzvah, already in wide use; riding to services on Sabbath, shortening of Torah readings and shortening of services.

The new stand of the JTS was revealed by Rabbi David Aronson of Minneapolis, who with the other incumbent officers was re-elected.

Criticizes Kaplan Plan

Rabbi Aronson criticized a suggestion made recently by Dr. Mordecai M. Kaplan that the National Jewish Welfare Board sponsor a merger of synagogue, school and Jewish community center into an integrated Jewish community.

In his presidential message, Rabbi Aronson revealed that a committee representing the JTS faculty had asked for a special convention of the Rabbinical Assembly, probably this December, to take up the issue of change in Conservative practice and ritual.

On the Seminary committee, were Dr. Louis Finkelstein, who is resuming his duties as active head of the institution on July 1 after a year's leave; Dr. Kaplan and Dr. Simon Greenberg.

JTS Ready To Go

In a presentation of the viewpoint of the Seminary faculty on the explosive issue, Dr. Finkelstein indicated that he had in mind more than just the December special meeting when he said that the JTS would be glad to have its faculty members named on any committees which the special committee might set up to study the question of change.

Criticizes JWB



DR. DAVID ARONSON
Re-Named By Conservatives

In his criticism of the Kaplan JWB proposal, Rabbi Aronson said the JWB "aims to become co-extensive with the whole community, reducing the synagogue and all that it stands for to but another cog in the elaborate communal machine under control of the secular ideology of the JWB."

Asserting there was no evidence that the JWB was "concerned with Judaism as a religious civilization or with Judaism as such, Rabbi Aronson said that "a community that accepts the philosophy that a gymnasium is as essential to Jewish life as a synagogue, and a Jewish basketball team as conducive to Jewish survival as a Talmud Torah, is on the way to Jewish extinction."

From Grass Roots

He said the organic Jewish community will come not from any national Jewish organization but from the grass roots. Referring to the report of the law committee, which he said he had not read, he called for "vision and courage to adjust Judaism to the living needs of the times."

Otherwise, he said, "the guiding force of Torah will become obsolete in the lives of our men and women."

Referring to the proposals

for a world religious court in Israel, he said he had serious doubts that the Chief Rabbinate would even solve the problems of change in Israel.

He urged the convention to take definite action on the problem of the Agunah, the widow whose husband's death cannot be verified and who under present Jewish law is forbidden to remarry.

Proposal For Zionism

His recommendation that the Conservative members of U.S. Zionist groups withdraw and set up their own religious Zionist wing, like the Mizrahi, created little stir at the convention.

The consensus was that it would be approved at the convention but never get beyond the discussion stage.

Miami Beach Bans Discriminatory Signs

National Jewish Post
MIAMI BEACH, Fla. — Such phrases as "Gentiles Only," "Restricted Clientele," and "No Jews" will be seen no more on Miami Beach.

Passage this week by the city council of an ordinance banning discriminatory signs ended a two-year fight for such a law.

Hotels and apartment houses displaying such laws must remove them under penalty of fines and jail sentences.

Gilbert J. Balkin, director of the local office of the Anti-Defamation League, said that all signs in amusement parks, golf courses, cabana clubs and swimming pools are affected. His office drew up the ordinance.

Nazi Killers Given 'Solitary' Jail Terms

BUCHAREST—(JTA) — Three Rumanian war criminals found guilty by a Bucharest criminal court of "savage tortures" against the Jewish population of Bessarabia and other towns during the war were sentenced this week to solitary confinement for terms ranging from three to 12 years.

JCC Claims Battle Being Won

Report Confirmed Detroit to Get Frozen Kosher Meat In Fight

(Earlier Story Inside)

National Jewish Post
DETROIT—The Detroit Jewish Community Council this week confirmed reports that efforts were underway to bring kosher frozen meat to the Motor City in the latest step of the battle against Detroit's Kosher butchers.

The kosher frozen meats are cheaper than fresh meats but there were questions of rabbinical approval and distribution involved. The JCC said that any new developments "on this score will be made public as soon as they occur."

The announcement came as a two-week partial price boycott came to an end with indeterminate results. A Women's Action committee, organized by the JCC, spearheaded a campaign to persuade Detroit's 25,000 Jewish housewives not to pay more than 70 cents a pound for Kosher meat for that period.

The JCC asserted that "many gains have been made in recent weeks with respect to the Kosher meat problem. Many women re-

port that the butcher is now willing to quote prices on all meats available. Many cuts and prices are on display in show cases."

The JCC also asserted that it was becoming "common practice" for Detroit butchers to itemize delivery orders.

"These gains are not sufficient, however, and the practices of Kosher butchers will not be stabilized until a bulletin board is placed in every shop," the JCC declared.

The organization also claimed that Detroit Jewish housewives "have saved thousands of dollars in the past few weeks because of the activities of the Council."

Top U.S. Jewish Cultural Leaders Urged To Become Chalutzim

National Jewish Post
NEW YORK—Hundreds of American Jewish cultural leaders were invited this week to offer their special skills to Israel as a new type of chalutzim (pioneers) needed in the rapidly-expanding society of the Jewish State.

The occasion was the National Assembly for Labor Israel, called largely by top figures in the Labor Zionist Organization of America, and aimed at American Jews prominent in U. S. professional, cultural and artistic life who have not been active in the Zionist struggle.

The invitation was offered by Rabbi Samuel Wohl of Cincinnati in these words:

"What we need now, in addition to material resources and men and weapons for defense, is the mobilization from among ourselves and such kindred spirits as we can attract, the resources of our skills, our gifts, our talents, our separate and united selves."

Rabbi Wohl was frank in making an appeal no Zionist would have dared extend to such a group as little as 10 years ago.

"In addition to the classical Chalutzit (pioneering) which was directed to Kibbutz (collective) life, a new type of industrial Chalutzit should be developed," he said. "The State of Israel needs trained and skilled artisans and administrators for its variety of economic establishments."

Baruch Zuckerman, president of LZO, said the Assembly should be a forum where the partnership of American Jewish support of the ideals of Labor Israel and those forces in Israel bringing those ideals into being should be proclaimed "and the laboratory which should prepare the plan for it."

Admitting that "we do not expect this Assembly to agree with everything that is now being done by the Mapai-dominated Government in Israel," Zuckerman said "we expect, however, an historic understanding of the reasons which brought about the fact

that labor is a dominant factor in the Government of Israel."

Zuckerman said plainly that LZO and Mapai were dedicated to a socialist state and that he did not expect that fact to frighten the delegates. He linked that goal with the attitudes of his audience by asserting that the delegates "who are always concerned with the social problems of humanity will find in the program of the Mapai an example of how to remove the inequities in economic life—at the same time securing democratic freedoms."

Dr. Mordecai M. Kaplan, noted Reconstructionist leader, took up the issue of the responsibilities of his audience to their lives as American Jews.

He said Labor Zionists in the U. S. must "engage here in the socialization of the economic process of which they themselves are a part, whether it be through labor unions, consumers cooperatives or in association with socially progressive bodies in civic life."

New York

WHAT MAKES U. S. JEWS SO SURE ONLY THEY HAVE THE KNOW-HOW?

By M. Z. FRANK

LOUIS Lipsky and Jacques Torczyner were not exactly on the same side of the fence in the ZOA. But now that Lipsky is in and Jacques is out, Lipsky misses him: he used to enjoy having a fight with the two boys, Jacques Torczyner and Joe Greenleaf, over a cup of coffee. While fighting around with them, he grew to like them, and they got to like him, too.

Well, I miss them, too, for several reasons, and one of the reasons is that they are now in Israel while I am here. Before they left, I gave them a few pointers on whom to see and where to go. I did not omit Chuna with the Big Legs. I told them they might run into him either in the lobby of the Gat Rimmon or in front of the lobby of the Kaete Dan (but not in the Park where Joe and Jacques are staying) or, better still, in the Cafe Cassith where the intelligensia and the artists of Tel-Aviv hang out. The surest way to find Chuna, however, is not to look for him.

On my first visit to Israel—in April 1948—I ran into Chuna in the Gat Rimmon. On my second visit—in January 1949—I met him in the Cafe Cassith the first night I came.

"Tell me, Frank, did Chuna Gottesfeld write about me in the Forward?" he inquired.

Chuna Gottesfeld is a writer, mostly of humorous stuff, in the Jewish Daily Forward, who paid a visit to Israel between my two visits.

"Yes, he did," I replied. Chuna Gottesfeld described a walk with Chuna along Allenby Road when they ran into a General. Chuna slapped the General on the back and said, "Hey, there, don't be so stuck up just because you're a general and stop to talk to Chuna and Chuna's friend from New York. This is a writer from the Forward." The general smiled and said, "But I have no time, I've just come from the Negev and I have to report to headquarters." (This was during the battles in the Negev.)

Chuna was pleased when I reported to him that he had hit the pages of the largest Jewish publication in the world.

Half an hour later, as I was getting ready to leave the Cafe, Chuna shouted in his strident voice: "Come here, Frank, I've got a General for you, too."

He introduced me to a youngish man with the uniform of a general in the Army of Israel Defence (Zva Hagana L'Israel), who smiled embarrassedly, as a nephew of Dr. Tchernowitz of New York (Rav Tzair, recently deceased), Aluf Zur (General Zur), as I have recently learned, has been designated to a diplomatic post abroad since Chuna introduced us in Cafe Cassith.

I am eagerly looking forward to a report on Chuna by Joe Greenleaf and Jacques Trezyner. And so, I am sure, is Louis Lipsky. Something to talk over the coffee about.

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A VISITOR to Jerusalem from Washington Heights, New York, New York, has made the following entry into the Visitors book at the Government Tourist Bureau in Jerusalem:

"I would like to see the American sistem in Israel." "Sistem," mind you, no "system." (Note to typesetter and proof-reader: for God's sake, leave the spelling as is!)

I am afraid there is a great deal of that spirit abroad in this country, and, especially in the ZOA: they want the American "Sistem" in Israel!

Just what is meant by the American system?—Or "sistem"?

Is it to build to Brooklyn Bridge—which is one of the greatest engineering feats—or to sell the Brooklyn Bridge to a million suckers?

Do all American Zionists who gripe at the present government in Israel and are ready to teach it "the American know-how" really know how?

Just give it a little thought, will you?

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AN indignant reader from Cleveland takes objection to the "irony and sarcasm" contained in my remarks some weeks ago that "according to the Gospel of St. Trude, Dan Frisch is Jesus Christ Himself, and then some." My correspondent goes pretty far in accusing me of making "anti-Christian" remarks, of "casting aspersions on their right to worship" and urges me to "apologize to the Christian people."

I showed the letter to a Catholic friend, and he laughed out loud. The expression "he thinks he is Jesus Christ" is quite common among good pious Catholics and is used to denote an exaggerated opinion about a man, usually by himself, sometimes by his friends and admirers. I used the expression in that sense. Of course, there were "sarcasm and irony" in my words. But they were directed not at the Christians' "right to worship" nor anything a good or bad Christian holds sacred, but rather at Trude Weiss Rosmarin, orthodox editor of the orthodox Jewish Spectator, who, in signing the panegyrics of Daniel Frisch, has thrown aside all sense of proportion.

However, I was glad to receive the letter. It bolsters up my theory that not all Jews have a sense of humor.



Arab Flight Brings Drop in Crimes of Violence But Europe DP Burglary Experts Stump Israeli Police

TEL AVIV, Israel—The rush departure of Arabs and the incoming flow of Jewish immigrants has brought a sharp drop in crimes of violence and a jump in cases of burglary during the past year in Israel, the N. Y. TIMES reported this week.

Figures of Israeli police showed the impact of a year of enormous change in the life of the new state.

Murder, stabbings, assault and rape were the most common crimes before the Jewish State was proclaimed. They have dropped tremendously, a change credited by police mainly to the mass flight of Palestinian Arabs.

Police reported that some of the more excitable Jewish immigrants from Morocco and other North African countries are still apt to draw knives in arguments and have committed thefts by violence.

The immigrants who have been giving the most trouble are the expert safecrackers and housebreakers from the underworlds of Eastern European cities like Bucharest and Warsaw.

The report said these specialists are very competent and that Israeli police so far have been unable to handle them, a failure highlighted by an official report that only 15 per cent of housebreaking crimes have been solved. The figure for cases of robbery or attempted robbery is 34 per cent success.

One of the reasons for police efficiency in coping with crimes of violence is that Israeli Jews, who refused to cooperate with the British mandatory police, now report even the most petty complaints and cooperate fully with law enforcement authorities.

But police are handicapped in their battle against the East European burglars because the criminals are unknown. No records of their fingerprints are available.

Moreover, the bandits have brought modern techniques of burglary and safecracking to a country where even the use of a skeleton key for such crimes was considered an example of housebreaking expertness.

Israeli police think the answer lies in a study of American police techniques. They admit that Israel is a small country and that it shouldn't be too hard to trace the burglars. But they also admit they lack the special police skills needed.

For instance, Yehezkel Sahar, the head of the Israeli police, and Joseph Nahmias, his deputy, both were officials of the Jewish Agency political department before Israel emerged.

Only the chiefs of the Criminal Investigation Bureau have had some police experience. Ram Lustig, chief of the CIB, was a police captain in Jerusalem under the British. Joseph Barnir, his deputy, was an inspector of police until he quit several years ago to run a taxi service between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv.

All Reno Kids In Temple School

National Jewish Post

RENO, Nev.—Almost every Jewish child of school age in the tiny Reno Jewish community is enrolled in the Hebrew and Sunday school classes of Temple Emanu-El here, Rabbi Baruch I. Treiger reported this week.

"The attendance is excellent and the spirit is remarkable," Rabbi Treiger declared in his second annual report to the congregation.

U.S. Supreme Court Won't Reverse Ruling

WASHINGTON—(JTA)—The U. S. Supreme Court this week refused to reconsider its recent controversial "free speech" decision which reversed the conviction of the Rev. Arthur W. Terminiello, a Birmingham, Ala., priest who had been fined \$100 by an Illinois court for making an "inflammatory" anti-Semitic speech at a 1946 meeting sponsored by the Christian Veterans of America.

A request for a rehearing was made by Chicago authorities who charged that the Supreme Court "ignored its own rules" in setting aside the conviction in a 5 to 4 decision. The Supreme Court denied the rehearing plea without comment.

Tripoli Cave-Dwellers Among New Arrivals

HAIFA — (JTA) — The Chief Rabbi of a tribe of Jewish cave-dwellers in Tripolitania arrived here this week aboard the S.S. Eilat which brought 455 immigrants to Israel. Two hundred of the new arrivals were children brought here by the Youth of Aliyah.

The cave dwelling rabbi, Hames Sophir, said that members of his entire village would soon immigrate to Israel. Cave dwelling Jews in Tripolitania are concentrated in the Jebel Nefusa mountain range and are believed to be descendants of Jews who fled from Moorish pogroms in North Africa.

ISRAEL JOINS ILO

GENEVA—(JTA)—Israel was among the three new members this week who joined the United Nations International Labor Organization. The others were Ceylon and the Lebanon.

Stanley Got Into Israel By Appeal To Mizrahi Immigration Minister

National Jewish Post

JERUSALEM—Sidney Stanley obtained permission to enter Israel after the Government twice rejected his application for a visa by a direct appeal to the head office of the Mizrahi (religions) Zionists, the party which controls the Immigration Department, it was learned this week.

Stanley, who first gained world Jewish public attention when he emerged as a central figure in a probe of a British public office scandal, sent a wire to Rabbi Bar-Ilan, asking him "as a God-fearing Jew," to admit him to Israel.

Mizrahi leaders made an issue about the concept of Israel as a refuge for any Jew who wished to come and the stateless Jew was given an entry permit.

The announcement of Moshe Shapiro, the Immigration Minister, disclosing that Stanley had been given entry, was phrased as having a link with the symbolism of freedom.

Reports circulated here that Ben Hecht, American novelist and one-time sparkplug for the American League for a Free Palestine, planned to come to Israel to write Stanley's biography.

The League was the main U. S. Bergson front group for the now-dissolved terrorist Irgun Zvai Leumi. A deputy of the Heruth party, political successor to the Irgun last April challenged the Government's action in rejecting Stanley's first applications for a visa.

On the boat from Farnce to Haifa, Stanley was reported to have prayed daily and to have served as unofficial cantor on several occasions.

The British Government sought to deport Stanley but his native Poland refused him. He arrived in Israel in mid-May.

PHILADELPHIA FEPC REPORTS "REAL PROGRESS" IN FIRST YEAR

National Jewish Post

PHILADELPHIA—A total of 204 complaints were made to the Fair Employment Practices Commission in this city during its first year of operation, which ended June 15.

Of those complaints, 155 were adjusted and 49 were still under investigation this week.

The FEPC, in a review of its work, said the ordinance banning job discrimination had achieved a "real impact on the community." The agency reported "substantial progress" in eliminating long-established patterns of discrimination.

The Commission said it was especially encouraged by the success of its educational program to explain to employers, unions, schools and employment agencies that "fair employment is good business."

No Police Power Used

The first year of operations did not require use by the Commission of its power to hold hearings and issue orders enforceable by the courts.

Philadelphia advertisers and newspapers were praised by the Commission for their promptness in eliminating from help wanted advertising references to race, religion and national origin.

The Commission reported that the Bell Telephone Co. has eliminated discriminatory

advertising from the 1949 issue of the classified directory.

A breakdown of the cases showed specific violations charged of refusal of employment (70 cases), discriminatory application forms (48 cases), refusal of promotion (23 cases) refusal of union membership (15 cases) and a number of smaller classifications.

The majority of complaints were made against business, next against employment agencies, next against trade unions and government agencies.

World Hebrew Congress Planned In Israel

NEW YORK—(WNS) — Preparation of plans for a World Hebrew Congress in Israel, to be attended by several hundred Jewish educators, scholars and writers from countries, were announced here by Samuel J. Borowsky, president of the Histadruth Ivrit of America.

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U. S. Reform Judaism Formally Warns Will Fight Any Theocracy in Israel; Plans Appeal to Weizmann

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—The Reform movement in America, largest of the three wings of American Judaism, declared war this week on efforts of the Orthodox Rabbinate in Israel to maintain and extend control over the personal lives of Israeli Jews.

The warnings were issued by Dr. Abraham J. Feldman, of Hartford, in his presidential address to the 60th annual convention of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the Reform congregational body.

The two religious leaders used such phrases as "religious totalitarianism," "the throttling hand of clericalism," and religious theocracy in their warning that liberal Judaism in the United States intended to fight for non-Orthodox Judaism in Israel.

Dr. Feldman urged the 500 Reform rabbis at Bretton Woods, N.H., to send an appeal to leaders of the Israeli Government. He said that despite disavowals of theocratic tendencies by the Minister of Religion of the Israeli Government and by the Chief Rabbi, "there is a refusal to give religious freedom to the Liberal Jewish communities in Israel."

Dr. Eisendrath presented his protest in an article in the current issue of LIBERAL JUDAISM, official organ of the UAHC.

First Formal Attack

It was the first time the top leaders of the largest wing of Judaism had spoken on the issue, though there has been widespread discussion of the extent of orthodox control over the personal lives of Israeli Jews.

Dr. Feldman, the outgoing CCAR president, said that the many acute problems of Israel "made it impossible to go into this matter now."

Liberal Synagogues Restricted
"Nevertheless, I am constrained to express concern over the continuance of the policy of restraint and restriction vis-a-vis the Liberal synagogues in Israel," Dr. Feldman said.

"I realize, of course, that not everything could be achieved in only one year, that the war and the postwar problems were bound to leave some areas untouched and unsettled.

"But yet, while the Ministry of Religion in the new government, and the Chief Rabbi may disavow the intention or the danger of a theocracy; while they offer assurances of complete religious freedom to Christians of all denominations and to Moslems, they assure religious freedom only to those Jews who are sharing in the theological views and convictions of the Chief Rabbinate, but refuse to give religious freedom to the Liberal Jewish communities in their midst."

Israeli Government Listed

Rabbi Feldman said that the Israeli Government was aware of the situation and that there was a "sympathetic attitude of many members of the Government towards a democratic and decent response to the cry for fair play. "But is it not right to expect that at least the assurance of the



EISENDRATH FELDMAN
Jewish Bigotry is Bigotry, Too

same measure of democratic fairness which is assured to Christian and Moslem communities might be given to Jews who profess Liberal Judaism?" he asked.

"No Jews ought to be constrained as to their methods and forms of worship, which is precisely the position of the Jewish religious Liberals there," he said.

"They are being forced into the straight jacket of a strict and legalistic interpretation of Judaism, and are being subjected to the indignity of being compelled to conform in such matters as marriage and divorce. Unless they conform, marriages are illegal and divorces are impossible," he said.

Appeal to Weizmann

Dr. Feldman urged the Reform rabbis to send "an appropriately worded representation to men like President Chaim Weizmann and Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion for a fair and just consideration of this matter by their government."

He disclosed that there were three Reform congregations in Israel, one each in the principal cities of Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and Haifa.

Reform in Israel

He said the congregations number six to seven hundred families, largely new refugees.

Dr. Feldman charged that "of the three rabbis in charge of these congregations, Doctors Elk in Haifa and Rosenberg in Tel Aviv, have no standing before the rabbinical courts, and are not permitted to officiate at weddings without Orthodox supervision."

He said Dr. Phillips of Jerusalem, the other Reform rabbi, "has a quasi-official standing at the Rabbinical Court" and is licensed to perform marriages.

"These rabbis and their congregations are doing a phenom-

enal work under the most adverse circumstances," Dr. Feldman said. "They are doing it in an environment in which multitudes of the people would respond if educational facilities were available and the throttling hand of clericalism were removed."

He urged Reform Judaism in America to provide funds for Reform congregations in Israel.

Dr. Eisendrath was equally vigorous in his charges and warned that liberal Jews in the United States are raising sharp questions about the religious control in the Jewish Republic.

"It is the basis of American and of Liberal Jewish thought, that the modern democratic state must be tolerant of every religion and even of irreligion," he declared.

Modern State Different

"Such a state dares to give no special privileges and prerogatives to any single denomination nor discriminate in any way against any faith. It must desist from forcing any citizen to carry out any religious rite or participate in any ritual form against his will."

He charged that "Orthodox rabbis are seeking the very opposite. Already in the draft constitution, authority in religious matters is delegated to official hierarchies (Religious Courts) of Jewish, Christian and Moslem communities.

An Orthodox Constitution

"As far as the Jewish community, it is contemplated that such courts will be composed exclusively of Orthodox rabbis and that no other Jewish religious groups will enjoy legal or even social status in the land," Dr. Eisendrath said.

"A liberal Jew, if he is unwilling to submit to the authority of the Chief (Orthodox) Rabbinate, shall have no way of legalizing, or registering his marriage, or the birth of his children. He shall have no one to grant him a divorce and it is still not clear who will be responsible for probating his will or dividing his estate if he dies intestate. His children in plain, unadorned speech will be considered mamzeirim."

Dr. Eisendrath said that "other Christian and Moslem faiths are recognized in Israel, but not any Judaism, other than Orthodox. Under this dispensation, many Christians are enjoying greater religious pre-

ROSENWALD GIVES \$40,000 TO GROUP AIDING DPs ON NON-SECTARIAN BASIS

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—A contribution of \$40,000 from the Lessing Rosenwald Foundation of Jenkintown, Pa., was announced this week by the International Rescue Committee, a non-sectarian group for resettlement of Displaced Persons.

The contribution was accompanied by a note from the president of the anti-Zionist American Council for Judaism, in which Rosenwald placed great emphasis on the value of non-sectarianism, L. H. Wood, chairman of the group, said.

Rosenwald, who has refused to contribute to the United Jewish Appeal, said he had made a personal study of the work of the group.

"I am convinced on the basis of that study that it is rendering an admirable and even unique humanitarian service," Rosenwald said. "I particularly admire its enlightened, democratic spirit; its non-sectarian, non-segregation approach."

The disclosure of the contribution was a departure from previous practice of the anti-Zionist leader, who is understood to prefer no publicity for his philanthropic contributions.

rogatives than our own Reform and Liberal Jews."

The Reform leader labied the situation "Orthodox totalitarianism."

He warned that the situation was contrary to every principle of free and liberal democracy to which the bulk of U.S. Jews has always subscribed. Like Dr. Feldman, Eisendrath indicated he did not wish to add to the problems of the Israeli Government in the midst of its war, first for survival and now for immigration absorption.

But he added that since the draft constitution of Israel "indicates every intention of the Orthodox community to foist its particular way of Jewish life upon all members of the Jewish community, the hour has come when we American and Liberal Jews must voice our vigorous opposition to a projected religious bigotry such as we have not known for centuries."

AJ Committee Starts Yiddish Publication

NEW YORK—The American Jewish Committee has started publication of a news bulletin in Yiddish to acquaint Yiddish-reading Jews in Latin America with the Committee's work, it was disclosed this week.

Boris Smolar, writing in his Jewish Telegraphic Agency column, "Between You and Me," said it was the first time in the Committee's history that it has ever published anything in Yiddish.


Hebrew U Med School Not Taking U.S. Jews

NEW YORK — (NJP) — The

Medical School of the Hebrew University is not included among departments accepting American students for the coming academic year, the American Friends of the Hebrew University said this week.

U. S. students will be admitted to the School of Agriculture, the Faculties of Humanities and Science and the Department of Education.

The Medical school was opened on May 17.



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JERUSALEM RELIGIOUS EXTREMISTS THREATEN TO GO 'UNDERGROUND'

By RABBI SAMUEL SILVER
IN the DAY, there appears a column: "Day-by-Day in Israel." Some gleanings: The fanatical Naturai Karta group went to see Ambassador MacDonald, protesting that they weren't being given visas to visit the U. S. The group has just received a stiff ultimatum from Religion Minister I. L. Fishbein (now Maimon) that their weddings, regulations, and ritual slaughter would not be recognized by the government



unless they agree to join the religious council. The Naturai Karta group met and, by one vote, rejected the ultimatum. Asked what he would do about the ban, Rabbi Amram Blau, the most extreme of the extremists, snapped: "We'll go underground." . . . After a temporary embargo, the international diamond syndicate has resumed relations with Israel's diamond industry . . . Ford Motor Company's negotiations with Israeli representatives now center about the question of how Ford will get its profits out of Israel.

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Writer Has Tough Question For Dr. Samuel Belkin

The writer who calls himself Pini Bel Lashon, of the JOURNAL has a question for Dr. Samuel Belkin, head of Yeshiva University, which has just completed elaborate celebrations of its expansion. Why was it necessary for a Jewish institution to invite non-Jewish speakers to the affairs?

Pini feels uncomfortable when even such an august government official as Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson tells him and others to be "good Jews."

The question is especially pertinent since Dr. Belkin is the one who not so long ago expressed vigorous objections to the practice of inviting Christian clergy-

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Jewish Groups Spent Millions To Raise Funds

NEW YORK—(JTA)—An analysis prepared by the Council of Jewish Federation and Welfare Funds disclosed this week that more than \$8,300,000 was spent in 1948 by Jewish national organizations solely on promotion in fund-raising drives.

The sum was over and above the campaign and collection costs of local welfare funds, which actually solicit and collect the money.

men to Jewish pulpits for inter faith occasions.

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U. S. Spanish Jews Urge Ban On Ashkenazic Hebrew

At a recent conference, the Spanish and Portuguese Jews of the U.S. went on record for the abolition of Ashkenazic Hebrew in American schools and seminaries, notes M. Danzis, recently appointed editor-in-chief of the DAY. This is in keeping with the widespread usage of the Sephardic pronunciation in Israel.

But, complains Danzis, this is working a hardship upon many immigrants to Israel who know Hebrew but, being unable to handle the Sephardic style, must remain mute. In fact, whispers Danzis, a "quiet revolution" against Sephardic is now going on in Israel. And those who favor the Ashkenazic style will probably reject the resolution of the American Sephardic Jews.

Remember that no less a man than Chaim Nachman Bialik expressed his dislike for Sephardic Hebrew.

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Who Started Custom Of Bar Mitzvah for Girls?

Where in the world did people get the idea of making a bar mitzvah for a girl? L. S. Beeley, of the AMERICAN, would like to know, after reading about such a thing happening in Norfolk, Va. This new custom is especially prevalent in families where there is no son, Beeley asserts.

This is just an imitation of the "Reformers" who conduct all their bar mitzvahs on Shavuot, states the writer (erroneously). Although it is commendable to educate girls, making them bar-mitzvah is not according to tradition, and Beeley doesn't like it.

Metal Industries Sign Pact With Histadrut

TEL AVIV—(JTA)—The Histadrut and the Manufacturer Association for Metal Industries this week signed an agreement providing for the employment of 12,000 workers. The two-year pact stipulates minimum wages, includes a provision for arbitration and, in the event of strikes or lockouts, would hold both sides responsible. Joint production boards will be set up to increase production in the industry.

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Rabbinical Council Urges Women To Fight Meat Price Gouging

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—The Orthodox Rabbinical Council of America bluntly charged this week that Kosher butchers were demanding exorbitant prices and urged Jewish housewives to fight the abuse. The statement was signed also by the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations and was published in the West Side Institutional Review.

The message said that if housewives wanted "to do something about the high cost of Kosher meat," they should cooperate with the rabbinical body and its lay organization, "which have joined to protect you against unjustified high prices."

The program urged Jewish housewives to take three steps:

1. insist that your butcher display clearly all meat and poultry prices;
2. insist on itemized bills;
3. insist on a square deal—if your butcher's prices are disproportionately high, inform him that unless his prices are reduced you will be forced to reduce your meat purchases, or that you will shop elsewhere. "There are reliable Kosher butchers who charge fair prices in many sections."

The message states that in bringing Kosher meat prices down, the housewives would "help your family budget" and "save other Jewish families of modest means from the temptation of abandoning Kashruth."

Few Detroit Women Fully Backed Meat Price Boycott, Survey Shows

National Jewish Post

DETROIT—A quick survey revealed that few Jewish housewives in Detroit gave wholehearted support to the two-week partial price boycott against Kosher butchers in Detroit, the JEWISH CHRONICLE reported last week.

A Women's Action Committee organized by the Detroit Jewish Community Council, spearhead of the fight to force a degree of communal control on Kosher butchers, approved a plan to refrain from purchase of any Kosher meat costing more than 70 cents a pound.

The two-week period started June 6 and was marked by a vigorous effort of the women's organizations to acquaint the approximately 25,000 Jewish housewives of Detroit with the fight.

The Detroit Anglo-Jewish weekly said that both sides claimed a success but it appeared that the women's groups had scored a moral victory. The survey showed that the Kosher butchers were feeling public pressure generated by the widespread publicity in the JCC battle against high meat prices.

Arrogant Attitudes Hit

A JEWISH CHRONICLE reporter said that many more Jewish women complained about "arrogant and contemptuous" attitudes on the part of the butcher more than they did about high meat prices.

The weekly said that the basic issue—the demand of the JCC that every Kosher butcher in Detroit post bulletin boards of prices—remained problematical.

The weekly also reported that many Kosher butchers have made an issue out of the bulletin board demand out of a fear that it might be the start of extensive supervision of butcher shops.

The JCC replied to that argument by asserting that butcher shops are a semi-public agency because of the religious aspects

of their sales, a fact which makes some public control necessary.

Price Gouging Charge

There are also widespread charges of price gouging by kosher butchers, a charge in part supported by findings of a special JCC committee, which were released as part of the pressure drive against the butchers.

The Council said that because of these factors the number of Kosher butcher shops in Detroit has been getting smaller while the Jewish population has been growing.

N. Y. Job Agencies Violate Anti-Bias Law

NEW YORK — The American Jewish Congress charged this week that half of Manhattan employment agencies supplying white collar workers are willing to fill an order for a "white Protestant," in violation of the state law against discrimination. Congress officials disclosed that a survey was made in March and April. Callers asked for white Protestants only and 246 agencies made definite answers. Of these 158 or more than half, were willing to meet the request, and 88 refused it.

Congress officials said a similar survey was made in December, 1946, and that observance of the law had increased only slightly. In 1946, officials said, almost 89 per cent were willing to fill discriminatory orders.

DOUGLAS TO ISRAEL

WASHINGTON—(JTA) — Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas will visit Israel in July, it was learned this week. He will be accompanied by his son.

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Syracuse Bar Mitzvah Candidates Now Must Have Four Years of Hebrew School For Synagogue Rite

National Jewish Post
SYRACUSE, N. Y.—Rabbi Irwin J. Hyman, president of the Rabbinical Council of Syracuse, announced this week that a meeting of all rabbis of the community has agreed to require from every boy who wants a Bar Mitzvah ceremony in a synagogue proof of four years of satisfactory attendance at a recognized weekday Hebrew school.

Rabbi Hyman said a transition period of four years will be allowed when all children nine or over who enrolled immediately in a weekday school will be eligible. The Jewish Community School, the Temple Adath Hebrew School and the Concord Hebrew School were recognized as qualified to prepare for a Bar Mitzvah ceremony.

A Bar Mitzvah committee of Rabbi Hyman and Dr. Isaac Levitas, director of the Bureau of Jewish Education, was named to draw up regulations and enforce the resolution.

The regulations approved by the Rabbinical Council provide that in special cases, a

boy may take private lessons. Special cases include reasons which make it impossible for a candidate to attend a recognized school, such as ill health, distance from school, recent arrival in the city, or any other reason accepted by the Bar Mitzvah committee.

In such cases, Rabbi Hyman said, the candidate will be given an examination by the Bar Mitzvah committee to determine whether he has covered the equivalent of four years of study. Newcomers from other communities also will be tested by the Bar Mitzvah committee and tutors preparing special cases must be registered with the committee.

Congregations will perform the Bar Mitzvah ceremony on the Sabbath only upon presentation by the candidate of a certificate from the Bar Mitzvah Committee. Congregations must apply to the Bar Mitzvah committee for such certificates at least a month before the date of the given Bar Mitzvah.

I Think As I Please

IN EARNEST AND IN ERROR: ITEMS OF JEWISH AMERICANA

by CARL ALPERT

New Functions For Synagogues

A five-acre site . . . has been purchased by the Roslyn Jewish Community Center for a new synagogue and center to serve Roslyn, L. I., it was announced yesterday. Construction work is expected to start in the spring on the proposed building, which will be the center's contribution to the inter-faith movement in the area. — From the Real Estate section of the N. Y. Times.

The Rego Park Jewish Center was opened last night. Irving Lookstein, president of the center, said it was thought the center would "tend to curb juvenile delinquency." — From the New York Times.

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Non-Sequitur—Or Is It?

He then came to the United States, studied at the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, Ohio, and for some time made a living in the garment industry.—From biographical sketch of David Blis in "The Jewish Community of Cuba."

Genesis, Chapter One

In 1865 B'nai B'rith made its first contribution in behalf of foreign relief by sending funds for relief of plague victims in Palestine. Since that year, B'nai B'rith has contributed, financially, toward the construction of Palestine. This was 32 years before the modern Zionist movement was organized in Basle, Switzerland (1897).—From report of B'nai B'rith activity in the Camden, N. J. "The Voice."

Inconsistency As A Policy

Khayim Nakhman Bialik—as spelled in the Jewish Frontier, whose editor still spells his own name Hayim Greenberg.

Honor Where Honor Is Due

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NEWARK TO VOTE ON PROPOSAL FOR LOCAL SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL

NEWARK, N. J.—Spiritual and lay leaders of Newark's 90,000 Jews will vote June 30 on formation of the community's first Synagogue Council.

The proposal was initiated by the Essex County Board of Rabbis, representing Reform, Conservative and Orthodox wings. A meeting at Temple B'nai Abraham agreed unanimously on the need for an overall governing body and spokesman for organized Jewish religious life.

Rabbi Ely E. Pilchik of Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, chairman of the constitution committee, said that the proposed Synagogue Council will include a strong effort to get more Newark Jews affiliated with a synagogue.

He said that about 60 per cent of Newark Jewry was not now affiliated.

Another objective of the proposed organization will be a drive to improve the religious education situation for Newark children. Rabbi Pilchik said that

about 40 per cent of Newark Jewish children were religiously unschooled.

The proposed Synagogue Council also would deal with the problems of religious instruction and activities in public schools.

NEW HARBOR OPENS

TEL AVIV — (JTA) — A new harbor was opened this week in the fishing village of Mishmoret, north of Nathanya. Trawlers from Mishmoret were used to bring escaped deportees from the British Cyprus detention camps to Israel.

Israel Plans Asylum For Deranged DPs

TEL AVIV, Israel—The Israeli Government is planning an asylum for Jewish immigrants now arriving in Israel who are insane from their experiences in Nazi concentration camps, it was revealed this week.

The Jewish Telegraphic Agency reported that plans are under consideration to turn the historic Acre fortress-prison into such an asylum.

Praesidium To Run Zionist Council

National Jewish Post
NEW YORK—The American Zionist Council, formerly the American Zionist Emergency Council, announced election this week of a praesidium of four to succeed Dr. Abba Hillel Silver as chairman until September.

The praesidium is made up of Benjamin Browdy, acting president of the Zionist Organization of America during Daniel Frisch's visit to Israel; Mrs. Judith Epstein, former president of Hadassah; Baruch Zuckerman, president of the Labor Zionist Organization of America; and Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, Miz-rachi (religious Zionist) Organization official.

A permanent chairman will be chosen in September.

Dr. Silver was elected honorary chairman by a unanimous vote and the Council adopted a resolution expressing gratitude for the "eminent service rendered to the Zionist cause."

Jew Named Chief Of Masons of S.D.

SIOUX FALLS, S.D.—Harry Margolin of Yankton, S.D., was installed last week as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Masonic Order of South Dakota, the third Jewish citizen to win the highest Masonic office in state history.

Margolin for many years has been active in civic and Jewish affairs.

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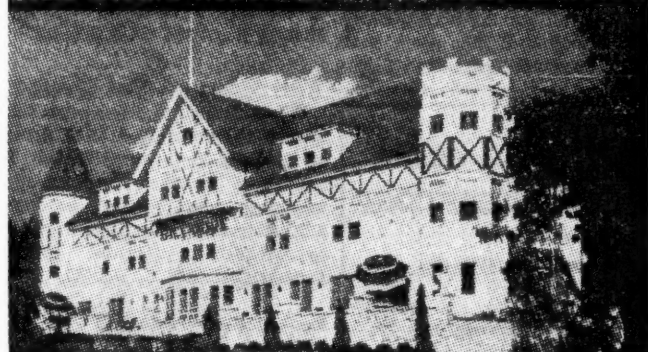
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Names In The News

ISRAEL NOT A JEWISH STATE, PROF. MORDECAI KAPLAN HOLDS

The proposition that Israel is not a Jewish State, heretofore promoted exclusively by the anti-Zionist American Council for Judaism, was endorsed this week by Dr. MORDECAI M. KAPLAN, leader of the Reconstructionist movement in Conservative Judaism. But Dr. Kaplan's argument, presented before the 21st anniversary meeting of the Jewish Club in New York, had a different basis. His stand was based on the fact that Arabs and Christians are equal citizens of Israel and he linked it with his proposal for an organic Jewish community, extending it to cover not only American Jewry but all Jews.



KAPLAN

Tributes To Merit

Awards of the Jewish Club of New York for "devoted and distinguished service to the American Jewish community" went to Dr. Kaplan and to HENRY HURWITZ, editor of the Menorah Journal.

Jewish Poet Honored

The Canadian Authors Association announced this week that the Governors-General's Liter-

ary Award for 1948 has been conferred on A. M. KLEIN, Anglo-Jewish poet and writer, for his "The Rocking Horse and Other Poems." Klein is editor of the Canadian Jewish Chronicle.

New Posts And Old

Brandeis University announced election of Mrs. ELEANOR ROOSEVELT to the board of trustees of America's first Jewish-sponsored, non-sectarian university. She is the first woman on the 12-member board and a long-time supporter of the dream for such an institution.

Levinthal Gets Job

Judge LOUIS E. LEVINTHAL, former president of the Zionist Organization of America, continued this week to pursue his own program for a stronger American Jewish cultural life. He has been named chairman of a Scope and Planning Committee to study the present program of the Histadrut Ivrit (Hebrew Language and Culture Association) in terms of revising and enlarging the program.

Weissman Elected

A Bronx attorney, LOUIS A. WEISSMAN, is the new Grand Master of the Independent Order of B'nai Abraham. He succeeds Joseph R. Apfel of Flushing.

The Thoughtful Gesture

When the East Liverpool Ministerial Association (Ohio) decided to hold its annual dinner in the B'nai Jacob synagogue, the ministers also decided to have a Kosher dinner in honor of the synagogue's spiritual leader, Rabbi ALBERT L. RAAB.

Banker Remembered

It was disclosed this week that A. P. GIANNINI, founder and chairman of the board of the giant Bank of America, left the Pacific Hebrew Orphan Asylum \$5,000.

Keeping At It

No prophet of gloom, Rabbi BARNETT M. BRICKNER of

U. of Maryland Hillel Members Agree Jewish Parents Should Aid Children To Make Early Marriage Possible

COLLEGE PARK, Md.—(NJP)—The proposition that Jewish parents should provide financial help to make early marriages possible for their children won general approval from students at the University of Maryland Hillel House.

The proposition was offered by Dr. Louis I. Kaplan, dean of the Baltimore Hebrew College, in a talk on "Jewish Aspects of Marriage."

Dr. Kaplan told the students that rabbinical literature "has stated that the marriageable age of a young man is around 18." He said the Hebrew sages believed that at 18 a young man was mature enough for marriage.

Modern postponement of marriage has created "widespread immorality and emotional adjustments," Dr. Kaplan said. He argued that wherever possible, "Parents should aid the young married couple financially."

The Hillel Herald, official publication of the Hillel House, decided to test reaction of its

members at the lecture. A reporter asked "Should parents support the young couple or make them wait?"

Two girls, Rita Lee Woronoff and Marilyn Fedder, were strongly in support of the proposition that parents should help. Marie Schabb added a qualification, saying that help should be given, if the couple were "mature enough to get married."

Jerry Gaine argued for help if there was no other way for the young couple to manage, though he feared "family influences in finances."

The loudest objection was recorded by Harvey Greenberg, who told the reporter that "the young man should wait until he is self-sufficient."

A turnabout view was proffered by Wilfred Romanoff, who said that if there is a problem of support, the wife as well as the husband should work, rather than turn to the parents for support.

Radio Roundup

The Post will present here weekly a summary of nationally-broadcast radio programs of interest to Jewish listeners. No responsibility is assumed by The Post for last minute changes by radio networks.

SUNDAY, JUNE 26—An original radio drama, "Incident At Sea," on the "Eternal Light" program, 12:30 p. m. EDT, NBC.

SUNDAY, JUNE 26—"A Faith for Our Time," a sermon by Rabbi Newton J. Friedman of Wilkes-Barre's Congregation B'nai B'rith, on the "Message of Israel" program, 10 a. m. EDT, ABC.

Cleveland, argued that the climate in the U. S. is extremely hospitable to the development of a great Jewish community. Speaking at the annual Summer Rabbinical Institute of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York, Rabbi Brickner repeated his call for a long-term conference of Jewish intellectuals concerned with promoting such a Jewish renaissance.

The Right Word

"The Fighting Jew" is a phrase that MYER DORFMAN, national commander of the Jewish War Veterans, likes. On a recent visit to Milwaukee he told the Wisconsin Jewish Chronicle that the Jewish record in both World Wars is making the general public aware of the extent of Jewish participation, a view not shared by all Jewish observers. Dorfman also said that "the victories of the Jews in Palestine have drawn further attention to Jewish spirit and bravery."

With The Rabbis

HONORS—Rabbi ISRAEL M. GOLDMAN, of the Cizuk Amuno

PIONEER WOMEN REJECT PLAN TO UNIFY ALL LZOA BRANCHES

National Jewish Post

PHILADELPHIA — Pioneer Women, the woman's Labor Zionist Organization of America, this week rejected at its 11th annual convention a proposal for unification of all bodies in the Labor Zionist movement.

Rejection came after a spirited debate over unifying the Paole Zion, the Jewish National Workers Alliance and Habonim, the youth branch, in order to strengthen the entire movement.

The delegates instead approved a plan to strengthen the movement by setting up a coordinating committee for political, cultural and educational activities. The proposal specified that fund-

Congregation of Baltimore, was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity by Brown University this week.

The 30th anniversary of Rabbi MORTIMER J. COHEN'S spiritual leadership of Philadelphia's Congregation Beth Shalom was marked at a dinner.

APPOINTMENTS — Rabbi MURRAY BLACKMAN has been elected assistant rabbi of Temple B'nai Jeshurun of Newark, N. J. Rabbi LEONARD L. BEERMAN of the 1949 class of Hebrew Union College has been elected the first rabbi of the new Leo Baeck Temple of Los Angeles.

DEPARTURES—A farewell dinner party will be given by Beth Joseph Center of Rochester, N. Y. for Rabbi LEON Stitskin, who is going to Israel for the American Zionist Council.

Rabbi REUBEN SLONIM of Beth Hamidrash Hagadol of Toronto left last week for a two-months stay in Israel as a gift of his congregation. He planned a stopover at Lake Kiamasha for the convention of the Rabbinical Assembly.

raising would remain autonomous.

Ray Levitt, national membership chairman, reported an increase in membership of 13,021 in the U. S. and Canada to a current total of 34,896. Six clubs were formed last year in Argentina, three in Brazil and one in Chile, in the first penetration of South America.

Mrs. Israel Goldstein was re-elected national president. She is the wife of Dr. Israel Goldstein, former president of the Zionist Organization of America and currently treasurer of the Jewish Agency for Israel.

Syracuse Boys Study After Bar Mitzvah

National Jewish Post

SYRACUSE, N. Y.—The Bureau of Jewish Education reported this week that two years after taking over administration of the local Hebrew school, where for many years all boys left immediately after Bar Mitzvah, the school this year graduated 10 children who continued their studies past Bar Mitzvah age.

Officials said this was accomplished by shifting the goal of the school program from Bar Mitzvah to scholarship.

The school this year had 15 children who had enough knowledge of Hebrew to attend the Hebrew-speaking Camp Massad. Of these nine are actually going to the camp, four on part or full scholarship from the Syracuse Jewish community.

Paris Jewry Set Up Own United Appeal

PARIS—(JTA)—A United Jewish Fund, similar to the United Jewish Appeal in the United States, has been formed in France after a year of arduous negotiations among the various Jewish bodies.

The "Fonds Social Juif Unifié," which will probably begin functioning this October, will not include fund-raising efforts in behalf of Israel during its first year of life. Judge Leon Meiss has announced his resignation as president of the Jewish Consistory of France.

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Women's Viewpoint

SCOTT TOLD WHY ROWENA, NOT REBECCA, GOT THE HERO

BY HELEN COHEN

AUTHORS of novels have been known to say that the characters in their story, once created, seem to take over and proceed through the pages of their own volition.

If this is true, then the classic example of a fictitious heroine who ran away with her author's pen is the Jewess Rebecca, in Sir Walter Scott's "Ivanhoe."

If you never read the great English masterpiece, it would be worth your while, just to observe the valiant if not entirely successful attempt by the eminent 18th century author to present an unprejudiced and kindly picture of the Jewish position at that time.

If you have read "Ivanhoe," then you'll recall that Rowena is the acknowledged heroine who wins Ivanhoe at the end. Rebecca is presented much more vividly so that her personality almost dominates that entire novel.

Some time ago I was reading "Ivanhoe," and because the story-behind-the-story is always pertinent, I turned to the introduction, where I was well rewarded with this note by Sir Walter Scott:

"The character of the fair Jewess found so much favor in the eyes of some fair readers, that the writer was censured because, when arranging the fates of the characters of the drama, he had not assigned the hand of Wilfred of Ivanhoe to Rebecca, rather than the less interesting Rowena. But, not to mention that the prejudices of the age rendered such a union almost impossible, the author may, in passing, observe that he thinks a character of a highly virtuous and lofty stamp is degraded rather than exalted by an attempt to reward virtue with temporal prosperity."

Wonder what Sir Walter would think about virtue and reward in connection with a certain carrot-topped Jewish comedian currently touring Britain, who simply, by being as funny as he can, has all of London eating out of his hand?

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IT WAS with great pleasure that I read of a member of the stronger sex finally standing up to the little woman.

I'm speaking of the piece in this paper on the husband who sued for divorce on the grounds that his wife had led him to believe her to be Orthodox before marriage, yet broke the dietary laws and refused to do kosher cooking since.

It's not so bad when a husband finds that a considerable portion of his bride's outward loveliness is store-bought. Nor is it unbearable to hear his lady-love of the sweet phrases turn into a sharp-tongued shrew. He tries to bear in mind that he is no delectable sight himself—come morning—with his face in full beard, his eyes bleary and his hair uncombed. Neither he recalls, is he always sweet-tempered.

But to pretend a fervent attachment to Kashrut without regard to the true facts—that's carrying duplicity too far indeed.

Certainly as long as an Orthodox husband feels keenly the need for a kosher kitchen as part of his religious duties, he has a right to some jurisdiction in the kitchen.

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A non-Jew has given expression to a thought on Israel in relation to Christians which hadn't occurred to me.

Dr. Carl Hermann Voss in *The NEW PALESTINE* wrote: "Christians should be grateful that the new Jewish State is established. The Holy Land is being redeemed today. The charm and beauty, the grace and loveliness, which once characterized that sacred spot, are being restored."

Or would the Christians prefer to play the role of the Mother in the story of Solomon who said that if she couldn't have the baby, let it die?

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AT an out-of-town Bar-Mitzvah reception a lady walked up and introduced herself. "Continue writing on all the subjects that interest you," she said. "You have my moral support." So there, Mr. Managing Editor. As long as my reader and I both agree, I refuse to be intimidated.

ISRAELI WARN JEWS

BUDAPEST—(JTA)—Persons receiving offers of Israeli entry permits and emigration documents for stipulated fees were urged this week by the Israeli Legation here to report those making offers to the police.

MONSKY MEMORIAL SET

WASHINGTON—(JTA)—Establishment of a \$2,000,000 Henry Monsky Memorial Foundation to sponsor religious, charitable and educational projects designed to "enrich American Jewish life," was announced this week by Frank Goldman, president of B'nai B'rith.

YOUR NAME

● Conducted By
N. Pearlroth

Want to know what your name means? Address your question to Mr. Pearlroth, National Jewish Post.

Hershdorfer Bernstein

● Max Hershdorfer, 2265 Strauss St., Brooklyn, Writes:

I would greatly appreciate your giving me some information regarding my family name. The only information I have is that the forbears resided in Galicia.

Hershdorfer is an extension of the Jewish personal name Hirsch or Hersch (a stag). This latter name was a by-name of the Hebrew Naftali, whom the patriarch Jacob compared to a fleet deer, in Genesis 59, 21. Your ancestor who first took the family name was probably the son of a man named Hersch to which he added the terminal "dorfer," to make it sound better.

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● Irving Bernstein, 220 S. State St., Chicago, writes:

I would greatly appreciate hearing from you as to the background of my name. My parents emigrated from Poland.

Bernstein is an ancient and distinguished Jewish family name. The original ancestor of the family was the wealthy and powerful Isachar Berish, who lived in Brody, Poland, and was the official head of all Polish Jewry upward of 200 years ago. His descendants called themselves Berkowicz (descendants of Berish). After the partition of Poland, those members of the family who came under Austrian domination Germanized their family name to Bernstein. However, not all Bernsteins are necessarily descendants of Isachar Berish. The name was so famous that many Jewish families in the 18th century, although totally unrelated to the real Bernsteins, picked it because they liked its sound.

YOUR name, too, has a history as rich as these. Find out what your name means by writing to Mr. Pearlroth, care of The Post.

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What Foods These Morsels Be

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DOES your family go for chocolate cake? Here are three different variations this week on the one delicious theme.

CHOCOLATE NUT CAKE

¾ cup butter	½ tsp. cinnamon
1½ cups sugar	½ tsp. allspice
4 eggs, separated	1 cup milk
1¾ cups cake flour	4 squares unsweetened chocolate, melted
½ teaspoon cloves	1 cup chopped walnuts
2 tsps. baking powder	1 tsp. vanilla

Cream butter, add sugar gradually, and beat until light and fluffy. Add unbeaten egg yolks, and beat vigorously. Sift the dry ingredients together three times, and add to the creamed mixture alternately with the milk. Stir in the chocolate, nuts and vanilla, and mix thoroughly. Fold in the egg whites, beaten stiffly. Pour into pan lined with waxed paper, and bake at 325 degrees for about 50 minutes. When cool, spread top and sides with icing.

DEVIL'S FOOD CAKE

2 cups cake flour	1 egg
1 tsp. soda	1 tsp. vanilla
½ tsp. salt	3 squares unsweetened chocolate, melted
¼ cup butter	½ cup thick sour cream
1¼ cups sugar	¾ cup milk

Mix and sift flour, soda and salt three times. Cream butter thoroughly, add sugar gradually, and cream thoroughly together. Add egg, chocolate and vanilla, beat well. Add ¼ of the flour, beat well, add sour cream, and beat well. Add remaining flour alternately with the milk, a little at a time, beating after each addition until smooth. Turn into two greased 9-inch layer pans, and bake at 350 degrees for about 30 minutes. Spread white frosting over tops and sides of cake, and top with glossy chocolate coating.

FUDGE CAKE

4 squares unsweetened chocolate	½ tsp. vanilla extract
1 cup milk	1 cup flour
4 eggs, well beaten	1 tsp. baking powder
2 cups sifted sugar	½ tsp. salt
1 cup chopped walnuts	½ tsp. almond extract

Melt the unsweetened chocolate in the milk in top of double boiler, then beat with rotary beater until smooth and thick. Remove from fire and allow to stand until cold. Beat eggs thoroughly until very light, and add to the chocolate. Stir in sifted sugar, walnuts, and vanilla extract. Sift flour with baking powder and salt, and stir into batter. Add almond extract. Pour into greased, square pan and bake for 25 minutes at 350 degrees. When cool, dust with powdered sugar.

Recipe of the Week

ALMOND BRODT

4 cups flour	½ cup orange juice
1 cup sugar	4 tsp. baking powder
½ cup blanched almonds	3 heaping tbsps. shortening
2 eggs	½ tsp. salt

Cream shortening with sugar, beat in the eggs, orange juice, sift flour (scald almonds and peel). Mix all together. Make a dough easy to handle. On a cookie sheet, make long strips (one inch wide) and flatten. Bake in moderate oven, 350 degrees, for 45 minutes. Cut pieces one inch, turn off oven and place pieces back into oven to dry.

Mrs. Herman Aronovitz
2818 Elmore St.
Tampa, Fla.

AMSTERDAM—(JTA)—Fer was sentenced to death this week dinand Frankenstein, a wartime by a special tribunal in Arnhem German security service agent for inhuman treatment of Dutch operating in the Netherlands, Jews and other war crimes.

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The Editor's Chair

IN THE RECENT editorial defending Carl Alpert against the wild, unwarranted attacks of Dr. Trude Weiss-Rosmarin, I unwittingly cast reflection on the other department heads in the Zionist Organization of America. I wrote something like this: Carl is the one department head, who other than Sidney Marks, is consecrated. I mentioned Sidney to atone for my bitter attack on him about a year ago, which I have since regretted. But in writing this way, I was running true to form—I wasn't thinking. As a result when I got to the ZOA convention last month, I found I had suddenly lost a lot of friends. Had I wanted to criticize the department heads in the ZOA, I don't think I would have hesitated about doing so, meaning I wouldn't criticize them in the offhand manner of the comment on Carl. Well, I hope they will forgive me, after this explanation.

SAM NEUSNER of the Jewish LEDGER publication, covering Connecticut, is being honored on the 20th anniversary of the founding of his papers. Honors come to Anglo-Jewish publishers too infrequently not to be applauded by the rest of us in the field.

But in the case of Sam, it couldn't happen to a nicer fellow. The only thing bad I know about is that his son is planning to matriculate at Hebrew Union College.

Seriously, Sam, if anyone in the field deserves a bit of praise, a little relief from the continual hard knocks which make publishing an Anglo-Jewish paper a bed of sharp, pointed spikes, you are he. I hope to be around on your 40th anniversary, Sam. Best of luck.

SINCE PUERTO RICAN children have crowded the public schools of the Upper West side of Manhattan, the Jewish day school enrollment has skyrocketed. Jewish parents who would normally have shunned Jewish day schools find them inviting now, what with the public schools in the area now 80 per cent Puerto Rican.

WITH BOTH Conservative and Reform rabbis meeting this week, the following question from the Barnett Temple Bulletin of Paterson, N. J., is timely:

He must be prepared to discuss existentialism and Kashrus. He must know all there is to know about ancient, medieval and modern history. Currents in modern poetry must be at his fingertips. He must be reverent and ascetic but not highbrow or anti-social. He must be pious and liberal, but not too pious and not too liberal. He must continually study and learn but he must always be with his flock in sadness, in joy, and just be with them any way.

He must have ready opinions on and deep knowledge of philosophy, theology, government, economics, politics, psychiatry, biology, sociology and nuclear fission. And Lil' Abner, television,

baseball and satorial modes.

He must have a sixth sense. Aye, even a seventh and an eighth. For his crystal ball must tell him when you are celebrating an anniversary, when you have a yahrzeit, when you have a cold, when you are lonely, when you have a stomach ache; these he must know without your saying a word, else a basic crime is committed.

Saint and scholar, conscience of the community, everything to everyone. But not too saintly and not too scholarly, and not too conscientious. All and nothing. Who? Any rabbi.

U.S. Sees Scrolls Saved From Nazis

NEW YORK — (JTA) — Three Scrolls of the Law belonging to the Jewish community in Fuerth, Germany, which were hidden from the Nazis throughout the war, were handed over this week to the Synagogue Council of America by a three-member delegation of German Jewish leaders brought to the U. S. under the Council's auspices for a six-week stay.

Speaking at the ceremony, held at a Council plenary primary session in the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue here, the visitors from Germany—Dr. Aaron Ohrenstein, Jean Mandel and Ernest Landau—emphasized that every Jew "living in Germany today wants to leave that country as quickly as possible." Among those still remaining in Germany, they said, were persons pressing restitution claims, as well as ill and aged refugees.

Christian Plans Huge Israel Resort City

National Jewish Post
MIAMI BEACH—A Christian who fought with the Israeli forces returned from Palestine this week with plans for a "Miami Beach" of Israel to cost \$100,000,000.

Ebert D. Cox, Jr., a member of the local chamber of commerce, said that he had plans for a new resort city which would be a duplicate of Miami Beach.

He said it would be founded on the site of the ancient ruins of Casarea on the Mediterranean between Haifa and Tel Aviv. He said that a Miami banker was organizing a syndicate to underwrite the project.

Cox said that he was anxious to do all he could to help with Israel's most pressing current problem, housing.

Rabbi Bamberger Heads Synagogue Council

National Jewish Post
NEW YORK—Dr. Bernard J. Bamberger, rabbi of the West End Synagogue in New York, has been elected president of the Synagogue Council of America, it was announced this week.

The Synagogue Council, overall body representing the three wings of American Judaism, named Rabbi Bamberger at a plenary meeting. He succeeds Rabbi Robert Gordis.

Other officers named included: Rabbi Simon G. Kramer, spiritual leader of the Hebrew Institute of University Heights, first vice president; Samuel Rothstein, treasurer; William Weiss, corresponding secretary.

CHICAGO—(NJP) —The Jewish Federation of Chicago will receive \$20,000 from the estate of the late Louis E. Asher, retired general manager of Sears, Roebuck, it was learned this week.

Who Will Undertake This Task?

IF THE vast Zionist Organization of America has almost ignored its first obligation to Israel today—to foster a strong, sizeable chalutz movement—the ZOA's collegiate branch, the Intercollegiate Zionist Federation of America, seems to recognize fully its responsibility in this direction.

Three writers in the March issue of IZFA's publication, "The Student Zionist," call significantly for a strong chalutz movement, and discuss the program adopted by IZFA in 1948 which urged the reinvigoration of the American Jewish community while at the same time calling on its members to join the U. S. pioneering movement for Israel.

John Hofman of the University of Michigan derides the aim of giving "Diaspora Jewry a therapeutic treatment," and vigorously states the case for U. S. Jewish pioneers:

"You are not a Zionist because you sign an antiquated formula on the back of a slip of paper or even because you sell your gold teeth to buy a tree in the Negev, or again when you learn to mispronounce Hebrew songs, but solely when you have arrived at the conclusion that Zionist logic points compellingly toward Israel. Short of that you are a sympathizer, a reconstructionist, a good American, a fine Jew, or a wonderful person, bless your soul, but not a Zionist."

Jonathan Goldstein argues that it is possible "to create chalutzim by an intensive program of education and at the same time to help in the development of a dynamic Jewish culture in the U. S."

Writing on the same subject in another IZFA publication, "IZFacts," Shulamith Reder states

in concise words what needs to be done in order to attract thousands of U. S. Jewish youth to the chalutz movement:

"There is a certain amount of social and political awareness needed in the American Jewish community which would make the acceptance of chalutzim more feasible and more complete. If IZFA were to devote itself to bringing this awareness to the members of the community, it would be fulfilling its purpose."

There is only one thing wrong with Miss Reder's analysis. This is not a job for IZFA alone. It is a job for American Zionism in general and for the ZOA in particular.

"Since the responsibility for such mass education," writes Jonathan Goldstein, "has been assumed by no one else, the undertaking of it belongs to the American Zionist movement and to IZFA."

There are many second-class U. S. Jews who fear a large chalutz movement. To them, it is all right for Australia to ask for 100,000 American ex-GI's, and they applaud when many intrepid, young Americans go to the wilds of this or that country. But for Americans (Jews in this instance) to do the same for Israel is something else again.

What is needed is strong leadership. The last ZOA convention looked all over for a new program and ended up with no program.

In all probability, the ZOA leadership was unwilling to engage at this time in a long-term struggle, promising so little in immediate results and beset by as many difficulties almost as the political battle to win U. S. support for a Jewish State.

No Split Between U.S. Jewry And Israel

GOLDA Myerson's declaration before an Indianapolis audience that in only a decade or so there is great likelihood of a split between U. S. Jewry and Israel was no idle statement. Nor was it made by an Israeli who is unfamiliar with the U. S. Jewish community.

Mrs. Myerson did not say that she wanted such a split; she merely said that such a divergence was not an impossibility.

The Israeli cabinet member saw the new state as upholding the finest traditions of justice and righteousness. The U. S. Jewish community, on the other hand, might decide to ignore its responsibilities to other Jews.

But The Post detects in Mrs. Myerson's analysis her fierce determination that in Israel

the conflict between social justice and the old-time capitalist system will be resolved under the determination of an ancient ethical people to overcome economic inequality. Mrs. Myerson was not criticizing the U. S. Jewish community so much as she was praising by comparison the kind of nation the Israeli are building.

Mrs. Myerson may have good reasons for her fears but, to The Post, the danger is slight. Not only will the chalutz movement—just really getting underway in the U. S.—serve to bring the two Jewish communities closer together, but many ties not as yet completed will prevent the eventuality she foresaw.

The Coming Twelve Months

JUST what the effect of the current United Jewish Appeal drive will be on our local Jewish communities is difficult to predict but it takes no great observer of the U. S. Jewish scene to recognize that there will be many changes and they will be significant.

The war years enabled a new group of givers to replace the old-line contributors. But this year, many a new giver cracked under the strain and fell out of the top givers class.

Since the leadership in the U. S. Jewish com-

munity is more or less a money leadership, changes are inevitable, and since one man gave because of what his neighbor gave, this default by many givers is sure to affect next year's drive.

There are other and even greater changes the 1949 drive will bring in its train. This coming 12 months will be the year of upheaval. In many communities there will be a complete change of leadership, which may mean a change in many other ways, too.

Current Comment

Let's stop asking for speed-ups in the religious portions of such major rituals as marriages and funerals, says Rabbi Samuel Rosinger of Congregation Temple Emanuel, Beaumont, Tex.—"Make it short, Rabbi, please!" How familiar does this conventional request sound to rabbis, when called to officiate at a marriage or a funeral. Weddings are preceded by elaborate preparations and, as a rule, are accompanied by considerable pomp and display, months before the happy event, arrangements are made in all details for everything demanded by the dictates of fashion. On the eve before the wedding the whole nuptial spectacle is rehearsed with meticulous care. Every feature pertaining to the affair is accorded all the time and attention needed, but when it comes to the religious service, which is the very soul of the function, either the blushing bride or her doting mama or the nervous groom will unfailingly ask the rabbi "Please make it short."

—And the same is true of funerals. The be-

reaved person is usually too prostrate with grief to think of anything but his loss. But some member of the family, who appoints himself as the dictator of arrangements, will unashamedly ask the rabbi to make the services short. Now, funerals, these days are not such simple affairs, either. We liberal Jews have given up, long ago, the traditional simplicity of our funerals and have adopted the showy customs of our neighbors. Here again, ample time is given to every feature; but the religious service, the purpose of which is to pour the healing balm of comfort upon the broken heart of the bereaved, is required to be short.

I often wish that we had a fixed set of marriage and funeral services as an integral part of our ritual, even as the Episcopalian Church has, so that our people would not suspect their rabbis of being sadists, bent upon torturing bridal couples or bereaved persons with an elongated display of their oratory.

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He Opposes U.S. Jewish Aid To Jews Who Intend To Remain In Germany

• Editor, National Jewish Post:

It is somewhat difficult to keep one's even temper in reading the recent woeful effusions of Rabbi Steven S. Schwarzschild of Berlin on the plight of the Jewish Reform group in Germany (NJP, May 20, 1949). The sum and substance of the letter of this apparently Germanized Jewish leader with American background is that there is a "renascent Jewish community" of liberal trend in Germany that either cannot or does not wish to emigrate and receives no help from Jewish relief organizations, the Joint Distribution Committee being specifically charged for its uncharitableness. We also learn that this group is "almost decidedly Jewish" and constitutes "a new and potentially fruitful element."

In the first place it must be recalled that Reform Judaism originated with German Jewry and, without placing any historical responsibilities, it might yet be permissible to ponder the question as to whether events in Jewish life during the last twenty years might not have followed a somewhat different course, had the doubtful blessings of these German emancipators been denied to us. All that can be stated in tribute to their accomplishments is that they have done a very thorough job in the emasculation of Jewish values, with typical German "GRUNDLICHKEIT," so much so that these reformed gentlemen will make even the most fanatical "Council — Jew" look like a chassidic Rabbi. The disdainful attitude which these Super-Germans of mosaic faith have shown toward their easterly brother is not easily forgotten.

That these reformers after all that happened should have the nerve to assert themselves as "decidedly Jewish" must evoke violent indignation. May I ask Rabbi Schwarzschild and his flock wherein this Jewishness consists? In continuing to de-

stroy and to uproot the traditional and historical foundations of Jewish life? In again holding hands with their own murderers and accomplices to become "a new and potentially fruitful element" in the vast graveyard of their brethren and sisters? In helping to revive the teutonic octopus for completing Hitler's work in all the four corners of the world? Do they actually indulge in the childish utopia of Germany's democratization? Have they ever heard of the unabated and semi-official antisemitism in numerous German towns and provinces, now under occupation by the western powers? Do they still believe the fairy tale that once upon a time a wicked Nazi-man bewitched sixty million helpless little Germans until they were awakened by the kiss of Democracy? Not quite so, I should say. A soil in which such bloody seed can sprout is inherently rotten, venomous and uncultivable. It does not provide a proper homestead for those who suffered heaviest from its devastating eruptions.

Jews have no business to stay any longer in Germany. If this most elementary lesson is not learned from our past unpleasant experiences, I cannot help but take a dim view of the intelligence of our race.

Rabbi Schwarzschild divides his forgotten brethren into three categories: those who cannot emigrate, those who are married to Non-Jews, and those who do not want to leave the country. As to the first group it might be interesting to learn the unsurmountable obstacles that bar the route to more hospitable regions. And even if restricted immigration into the western hemisphere should presently deny them the desired haven,—the gates of Israel are wide open to everybody who professes himself a Jew. But this seems to be a forgotten art for many of

them during the last few decades of German Reform Judaism. Likewise, the Israel Government will not reject a Jew even though he be married to a gentile, if the non-Jewish mate embraces Judaism in good faith and in accordance with the Jewish code. But as for the third group, the inveterate renegades of Judaism whose loyalty continues to belong to the hangmen of their own flesh and blood, and who prefer the blood-stained soil of their Hunnish assassins to the rising sun of Israel, let those be cut off from the community of our people and let their names be buried in eternal oblivion. For them there is no salvation.

The contention that the Joint Distribution Committee is geared to help mostly the Orthodox is a brazen untruth. The JDC has never conceived such a policy and, judging by the type of recent immigrants to U.S.A. and Israel out of the many thousand cases handled by that organization during the last years, one must conceive oneself that only a fraction happened to be represented by the orthodox element. Merely if profession of Judaism and love for Israel is branded as "Orthodoxy" can the statement of Rabbi Schwarzschild and his disciples be explained. But this is his own personal interpretation of Judaism which is not binding upon the majority of American Jewry. If the JDC irrespective of ideological differences favors those remnants of the European Jewish communities who seek to be relocated in democratic countries of proven dignity or in the land of our forefathers, it only fulfills its G'd given duties and should be highly commended. But the American Jewish contributor is utterly uninterested in investing American dollars in Germany in favor of those who obstinately wish to cast their lot with the outlaws of the human society. American Jewry should demand from the JDC and related relief organizations a clear and unequivocal statement to the effect that neither funds nor other kind of assistance will be provided for "renascent Jewish communities" in Germany, except to support those victims who can qualify as bona fide DP's and are anxiously waiting for the earliest opportunity to leave that country. As for the others who wish to plant their vineyards again in the land of Buchenwald, let them indulge in their perversity at their own expense, but they decidedly do not present a Jewish problem.

DR. I. J. FELLNER
Mason City, Ia.

Rumania Jewish Reds Hit 'Zionist Rottenness'

BUCHAREST — (JTA) — In a violent attack on "Zionist rottenness," Unirea, organ of the Jewish Democratic Committee of Rumania, this week denounced alleged Zionist activities at a former ORT school here. The publication listed the names of six students and two teachers whom it holds responsible for the Zionist propaganda.

The publication also denounced lack of vigilance on the part of a commission responsible for the screening of pupils admitted to the school.

Perhaps Rabbi Roth is right in his pessimism about the Jewish community of El Paso, but I am sure he is wrong in extending his pessimism to all the small communities. From where I sit, remembering East St. Louis, the picture looks bright.

HENRIETTA SIMON
Chicago, Ill.

FORMER SMALL TOWN RESIDENT DISAGREES SUCH JEWRIES DOOMED

• Editor, National Jewish Post:

A story in The Post of June 10 states that Rabbi Joseph Roth of El Paso, Tex., believes that "within 25 years the synagogues of America's smaller Jewish communities will have become a monument in memory of Orthodox Jewry." Before Rabbi Roth and other readers of the Post become too pessimistic, I should like to tell of my experience with Orthodox Jewry in a small Jewish community.

In April, 1945, I moved to East St. Louis, Illinois. I was alone, I knew no one in the Jewish community there, yet they made me feel as though I had always been a part of their community. I found a synagogue, a Sunday school, a sisterhood, active B'nai B'rith groups. During the war, while their Rabbi served as a chaplain, these people held services in their synagogue, conducted a Sunday school, and even prepared classes for confirmation—all without the help of a Rabbi. I learned that the members of this congregation observed kashruth, buying their meat in the kosher butcher shop rather than use the non-kosher meat they sold in their own stores even though in one case this meant bringing meat from St. Louis, 40 miles away.

The Jewish community of East

Chicago, Ill.

ONLY FUND-WITHHOLDING CAN STOP DEFENSE AGENCY MESS, SAYS READER

• Editor, National Jewish Post:

I liked your editorial in your May 13 issue on "The End of the NCRAC." If the Jews of America actually appraised the value of NCRAC, they would welcome its end. What is more, the NCRAC should never have been created. It is the counterpart of the General Jewish Council that expired ingloriously several years ago.

If there is one word that has plagued American Jewry, that word is autonomy. Unless we wake up to the fact that organizational autonomy, particularly where it interferes with and affects the whole structure of American Jewry, must be abolished, confusion and chaos will continue to undermine the whole structure of American Jewry.

It is a fact that the NCRAC was not organized to eliminate waste and duplication of effort among the defense agencies, or to unite them in order to better serve our interests; just the opposite. It was organized to appease the welfare agencies into believing that duplication and waste among the defense agencies will be done away with, which is not true. What is more, it was organized to thwart any attempt to democratically unite the Jews of America, which could be accomplished if the defense agencies united. The NCRAC is a coalition of the American Jewish Committee, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai Brith and the Jewish Labor Committee, organizations that are selfishly concerned about perpetuating their organizations autonomy. Otherwise they would lose power and prestige in an overall National Jewish democratic organization. Can anyone imagine an American Jewish Committee being bound by an overall democratic organization, or a B'nai B'rith without an ADL, so that

they could no longer boast that they are the exclusive experts in combating anti-Semitism; and certainly the Jewish Labor Committee would lose organizational prestige if it threw in its lot with one agency and became part of a democratic unit.

We must recognize and face the fact that these organizations will battle to the last against any attempt at unification of the defense agencies. They will even oppose allocation of functions because that too will expose their claims and weaknesses.

In spite of the fact that the American Jewish Committee raises funds in a partnership agreement with the ADL, they compete in defense work and programs against each other, a sinful waste of money and effort, to say nothing of confusing our public officials and our own people, because of divergent viewpoints, policies and programs of competitive defense agencies. The American Jewish Committee and the ADL will remain adamant and refuse to merge unless the welfare agencies supporting them will call a halt and refuse to supply the funds unless they do unite.

It is the only weapon that can make these competitive agencies within the NCRAC see the light.

We are wondering what has become of the sweeping charges made by Dr. David Petegorsky against these competitive agencies. The whole matter was supposed to be aired publicly. It is my guess that these organizations who are guilty will find it most expedient to remain silent.

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Jews In Sports

STAN LAMPERT CRACKING RECORDS RIGHT AND LEFT AS NYU TRACKSTER

BY HASKELL COHEN

RUMORS along Broadway indicate that N.Y.U., a former big name in football, is desirous of returning to the upper grid brackets. The powers that be reason that with no New York college anxious to subsidize as in former years, this is the time to move into the picture and perhaps build to a profitable series with Notre Dame.

As a result the school has already cut down on the number of basketball scholarships it will issue in order to conserve for football prospects. The rumors have it that a real big name coach will be brought in despite the fact that Hooks Mylin is considered well versed in grid tactics by the coaching gentry. A colorful name is being sought to revamp the Violet football picture ala Chick Meehan of twenty-odd years ago.

Stan Lampert has appeared on the N.Y.U. track scene just as the summer season starts. The big fellow from Brooklyn has given up basketball and as a result his shot putting has improved to the extent that he is considered a likely choice to cop honors in his specialty at the NCAA track and field championships in Los Angeles this weekend. Stan set a new Met AAU record last week when he tossed the 16-pound ball 56 feet 6 and three-quarter inches. Not a small feat when we consider that only three men have done better in the all-time history of the event.

EMIL VON ELLING, ancient Violet track mentor, feels that his charge is capable of tossing the ball 58 feet. This is an amazing thought since Lampert couldn't beat 54 feet a month ago.

Ira Kaplan, a mate of Lampert's, is coming very fast in the

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sprints and showed his mettle in the Met AAU by taking Cromwell and Carey in the 220-yard dash. He looms as one of the top sprinters in the nation who should reach his peak by the time the next Olympics roll along.

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EVIDENTLY the Giants feel that Harry Feldman cannot help them a bit despite their pitching problems. Harry asked for and received his release from the New York nine right after he was reinstated by Commissioner Happy Chandler. It seems that at 29 the Jewish lad should still have several good pitching years left in his arm. However, a siege of lung trouble a few years back has evidently weakened the twirler so that his once fast ball has lost a lot of its swift.

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N.Y.U. seems to be moving along in its campaign to sway hoop stars away from other colleges. The latest to be bitten by the transfer to NYU basketball movement is Al Roth, star City College freshman who is asking for his transcript in order to move over to the Violet lair. Roth is being counseled by a former Lavender star who played pro ball last winter.

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IN a recent discussion of long ball hitters Hank Greenberg modestly stated that he didn't rate with the likes of Ruth, Fox, Gehrig and a few others. "My homers were short flies compared to Ruth's," Hank maintains.

Cleveland's farm star, Luke Easter, is setting new hitting records for distance at San Diego and is being hailed as the next real long ball clouter. The slugger is a protege of Abe Saperstein who steered the Indians to him. Abe had Easter with his Cincinnati Crescents five years back and then sold him to the Homestead Grays who in turn peddled him to the Indians at Abe's insistence. Abe is on the Coast at the present time checking on the advisability of bringing Luscious Luke up to the Indians.

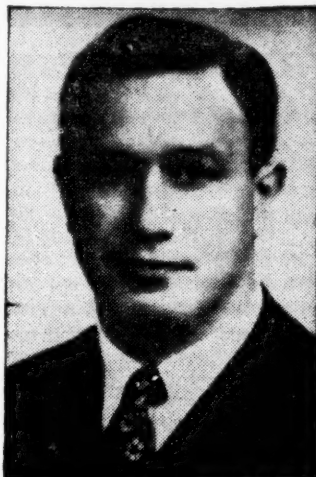
Socialist Israel Seen By Zuckerman

NEW YORK—(JTA)—Israel is heading ultimately toward a socialist economy although private investment must for many years play an important part in building the country, Baruch Zuckerman, president of the Labor Zionist Organization of America, stated at a press conference here.

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Friedman Appointed Brandeis Sports Chief

NATIONAL JEWISH POST
WALTHAM, Mass. — Benny Friedman, one of football's immortals, was named this week as director of athletic activities at Brandeis University, the nation's first Jewish-sponsored non-sectarian university.

Friedman, who was all-American at the University of Michigan, will begin his new duties at Brandeis this fall.

He played with Michigan teams in 1924, 1925, and 1926 and was captain of the team in his senior year. He has played professional football with Cleveland, Detroit, Brooklyn and New York elevens.

Before joining the navy, he was head football coach and a member of the faculty of the College of the City of New York. At Brandeis, his responsibilities will include organization and direction of all athletic activities. It was not indicated how wide a scope of such activities are planned.

HAMBURG NEW EUROPE CENTER FOR NAZI HATE-MONGERING

PARIS—(WNS)—Eight anti-Semitic organizations in France are publishing nine anti-Jewish publications with a total circulation of a half million, it was disclosed here this week by informed Jewish sources.

These sources also revealed that Hamburg has become the headquarters of the anti-Semitic international, which is led by German Nazis and French and Belgian fascists who are flooding Europe with anti-Semitic and Nazi literature. In Belgium, the illustrated anti-Semitic weekly "Europe and America" is said to have a circulation of 40,000.

The Hamburg group is now preparing to issue English-Spanish and Italian publications. Approximately 63 anti-Semitic sheets, with a total circulation of 3,000,000, are reported to be appearing in England, Belgium, Holland, Switzerland and in the

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Constitutionality of Law To Be Tested

Two Kosher Butchers Convicted For N. Y. Sunday Law Violation

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—A test of the conviction of two kosher butchers on charges of violating New York's Sunday law by selling meat on Sunday was headed this week for the highest courts of New York State.

Sam Friedman and Sam Praska, owners of butcher shops on Manhattan's lower east side, were convicted last week in special Sessions court. Friedman and Praska are Orthodox Jews who do not operate their shops on Saturday. They are scheduled to be sentenced June 22.

Eighteen Jewish organizations have joined in support of the fight to test the constitutionality of the law. They and the defendants are represented by Leo Pfeffer and A. H. Klugsberg of the American Jewish Congress.

Plenty of Supporters

Among the organizations supporting the appeal are the N. Y. Board of Rabbis, the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of the U.S. and the National Council of Young Israel, an Orthodox Jewish youth group.

Pfeffer said he was filing an appeal with the Appellate division of the New York Supreme Court and that the sponsoring organizations were ready to take the case to the U.S. Supreme

Court, if necessary.

Pfeffer said the defense believes that the New York Sunday law violates the state and federal constitutional guarantees of freedom and equality in religious beliefs.

Pfeffer said the law was discriminatory because it makes no exception for Orthodox Jews who observe Saturday as the Sabbath. He said the two butchers suffer an economic disability because they are forced to observe the Sabbath of a religion to which they do not adhere.

A Strange Law

He said the law also was discriminatory in that chain stores and cigar stores which sell general merchandise may operate on Sundays and the sale of beer, confectionery and prepared foods, such as delicatessen is permitted. He said New Yorkers may buy beer on Sundays but not lamb chops.

START REFORM CONGREGATION DESPITE OTHODOX PROTESTS

LAKEWOOD, N. J.—(NJP)—Over vigorous opposition of two Orthodox Synagogues and a Yeshiva, the first Reform congregation was organized here, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations

The new synagogue was organized at a mass meeting at the B'nai B'rith home in Lakewood and it will serve residents of Lakewood, Toms River, Freehold and the vicinity.

The congregation was started as the result of an inquiry from a Lakewood resident to Dr. Maur-

ice N. Eisendrath, resident of the UAHC. A series of house meetings followed, winding up in the public meeting at which formal resolutions were approved for establishment of a temple and affiliation with the UAHC.

Representatives of the Orthodox synagogues and the Yeshiva voiced considerable opposition to the proposal. Lakewood is a resort specializing in hotels which maintain dietary laws and observe Orthodox traditions.

The response to the criticism was made by Rabbi Albert G. Baum, director of new congregations for the UAHC.

"It is not the intention of this new movement for a Liberal Jewish Congregation to draw anyone away from affiliation with established synagogues, but to provide an opportunity for those who wish a modern house of worship and a progressive religious school and adult Jewish activities in the spirit of liberal Judaism," Rabbi Baum said. "The vote on the resolution was overwhelmingly in favor of a new temple."

3,000 Czech Jews Leave Since January

BUCHAREST, — (JTA) — A group of 450 Jews from Czechoslovakia—the fourth this year—sailed for Israel this week from the Rumanian port of Constanza, it was announced here.

This brings the total of Czech Jews who migrated to Israel via Rumania this year to over 3,000. Also aboard the vessel will be Rumanian Jews about 50 Jews of other nationality who are also migrating to the Jewish state.

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Peace Hopes Dying In Deadlock At Lausanne; See British Plotting

TEL AVIV, Israel—Prospects for a permanent peace between Israel and the neighboring Arab states have virtually collapsed with the deadlock of talks at Lausanne and the stage is set for a resumption of big power maneuverings in the fluid Palestine situation, competent observers agreed this week.

Among the recent developments, which have suddenly sharpened Israel's foreign problems just when the new state was grappling with the still-mounting flood of immigration, were these:

1. A top Israeli official, David Pinkas, deputy assistant to the speaker of Parliament, felt it necessary to issue a public warning that if warfare was forced on the Jewish State, it would attack and hold "all that we win."

2. Gen. John Bagot Glubb, frequently officially-retired but still active commander of Jordan's British-subsidized Arab Legion, charged that the Israeli had begun general sniping along the front held by the Legion.

U. S. Hit In Talk

3. Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett, in the strongest language yet used by an Israeli diplomat toward the United States, rejected U.S. remands with a defiant comment that Israeli soldiers had not died to conquer essential territory only to have it later yielded by Israeli "politicians."

4. Mark Ethridge, outgoing U.S. member of the United Nations Conciliation Commission, admitted that the talks at Lausanne were completely deadlocked. Major Aubrey Eban, Israeli representative to the UN, bluntly blamed the Arabs at the Lausanne meetings, asserting they had not made a single conciliatory proposal.

5. The Zionist Organization of America was given notice by new president Daniel Frisch that the situation might call for a fresh mobilization of U. S. Jewry against new activities of the "invisible empire which finds it difficult, even at this hour, to accept the thought of a Jewish State."

6. The Vatican stepped up its campaign for the internationalization of all Jerusalem.

Britain Involved

7. Charges were freely aired at Lausanne that the stalemate there was due in considerable

British To Ignore Israel Arms Protest

LONDON—(JTA)—Authoritative quarters said this week that the Israeli Government's protest against British arms shipments to some Arab states would not affect the British Government's decision to make these shipments. A Foreign Office spokesman acknowledged receipt of the Israeli note protesting against the arms shipments.



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The possibility of Israeli objections to this move had been taken into consideration before the decision was reached, it was stated. The British maintain that the shipments involve only small arms needed for internal security in some Arab states and argue that the shipments are not in contravention of the U.N. Security Council Middle East arms embargo.

part to British maneuvers, aimed at getting Gaza coastal strip for Jordan.

8. There were reports also that the stalemate was being promoted by the Arab negotiators with the specific plan to throwing the whole issue to the next UN General Assembly in September, in the hope of gaining concessions with the backing of big power support.

How much of these facts were facts and how much rumor, observers here were not ready to say but it was clear that permanent peace was a long way off and that the strange cabal of anti-Israel forces are seeking to gain new positions for pressuring the Jewish State.

Pinkas issued his warning at the annual dinner in New York of the Mizrahi (religious) Zionist Organization of America, marking the beginning of "Israel Week."

Fight And Win

"Let it be clear that if the Arab nations again take up the path of war as a means of solving problems, we will fight back as before and I am convinced we will defeat them," Pinkas said. "And if, during the course of warfare, our armies are forced

Plan Studied For Philadelphia Mohelim To Have Hospitals, Not Parents, Pay Them

National Jewish Post

PHILADELPHIA—A plan to attach ritual circumcisers (mohelim) to the staffs of hospitals on an interne-like basis was under consideration here this week as the latest move in a lengthy effort to regulate the practice of ritual circumcision (milah) in Philadelphia.

The plan was revealed by Rabbi Meir Lasker, president of the Board of Jewish Ministers and spiritual leader of (Reform) congregation Temple Judea.

Rabbi Lasker told The Post that under the plan the mohelim would be paid a regular salary by the hospital and would not be permitted to charge fees to the parents of the circumcized infants.

Rabbi Lasker said the plan first was broached to give more control over mohelim on the staff of several hospitals and to remove any commercial element in their religious work.

He also said many local hospitals were ready

to follow the example set by Jefferson Hospital which last year banned circumcision in the hospital by mohelim. The Jefferson hospital rescinded the ruling following intervention by the Board of Jewish Ministers.

The Board has undertaken to police the local mohelim and to raise their standards.

Rabbi Lasker said that a plan to have a licensing supervisory measure, supervised by a state board, failed to pass at the last session of the state legislature when state officials were unable to find a bureau which could handle the task.

As a substitute, another proposal is being studied under which local supervision and licensing power would be given to the Philadelphia Medical Society.

Rabbi Lasker said there had been some improvements in the local milah situation as a result of the work of the Board of Ministers.

to conquer any adjacent Arab territory which constitutes a springboard of attack against us, then we will have no recourse but to do so."

Glubb said that he saw evidence that Israel was preparing for an armed attack against the Latrun area. This area, midway between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, was the scene of some of the most savage fighting during the war, since it held the key to the fate of Jerusalem.

Sharett, in a major speech to the Knesset, ruled out any territorial compensation to the Arab states and emphasized that though the Government refuses to allow the wholesale admission of Arab refugees as an act suicidal to the interests of Israel, entry visas will be granted to Arabs in special cases, primarily when wives and children of residents in Israel are involved.

Condemn New Plot

He sharply condemned anti-Israel propaganda about the Holy Places in Jerusalem and charged that fake horror stories were being spread in coordination with the propaganda about admission of Arab refugees.

He expressed the hope that Pope Pius XII would examine the facts and learn the true situation.

There was considerable obscurity about the nature of the U.S. demands, which stirred Sharett to his defiant talk. There was no published reports on any proposal with such demands and the U.S. State Department issued a formal statement denying it was trying to pressure the Israeli in any way.

Ethridge, returning to Washington after stopping in Paris to talk to Secretary of State Dean Acheson, said it appeared the UN Conciliation Commission would have to report failure to the General Assembly in September.

Arabs To Blame

Eban, also speaking at the Mizrahi dinner, said that in contrast to the Arab attitude at Lausanne, the Israeli had put forward a "long series of unilateral proposals, all involving elements

of concession" by Israel.

Frisch, calling a press conference before departing for Israel, said a campaign was underway to prevent Israel from developing as a free and strong state.

The new ZOA chief said that unless President Truman could be persuaded to "intervene," there was danger the plot might succeed. He said the objective was to block agreement between Israel and the Arab States on a permanent peace treaty.

He charged that "pro-Arab officials" in the U.S. State Department, working with the British Foreign Office, were seeking to hamstring any possibility of peace.

Robeson's Bride Jewess, Says Day

NEW YORK—The girl whom Paul Robeson, Jr., 21-year-old son of the Negro singer, married Sunday, is Jewish, the DAY, New York Yiddish daily, said this week.

Her name was Marilyn Paul Greenberg, also 21, of Forest Hills, Queens. Young Robeson met the Jewish girl at Cornell, where they were both students.

The private wedding ceremony was conducted in the apartment of the Rev. John Whittier Darr, Jr., a Congregationalist minister. A crowd of several hundred, some booing, gathered outside as the bridal couple, the Robesons and the bride's mother and brother, drove away in taxis.

FIRST L.A. SETTLEMENT

TEL AVIV.—(JTA)—The first settlement to be established in Israel exclusively by immigrants from Latin America was dedicated this week in the Negev. Among the settlers are descendants of Jews who settled in Argentina under the auspices of the Jewish Colonization Association several decades ago.

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Burial Services Held For Chicago Chaplain

CHICAGO (NJP)—Burial services for Captain Irving Tepper, who was a rabbi at Rockford, Ill., before he entered service, were held last week at his home here.

A graduate of the Hebrew Theological College, he served as spiritual leader of Congregation Ohav Shalom at Rockford until he enlisted. He was killed in the Normandy invasion.

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IRAQI JEWISH STUDENT ASKS TO STAY IN U. S.; FEARS DEATH

National Jewish Post

PHILADELPHIA—A plea from an Iraqi Jewish student that he be permitted to remain in this country under the DP law was taken under consideration by the Immigration and Naturalization Service this week following a hearing held here.

The student, whose name was not disclosed because he feared retaliation on members of his family in Bagdad, said he feared for his life if he were compelled to return to Iraq.

An affidavit submitted by Will Maslow and Irving Jaffe, American Jewish Congree attorneys, and signed by Dr. Nehemiah Robinson, director of the Institute of Jewish Affairs of the World Jewish Congress, listed evidence of systematic anti-Jewish propaganda and persecution of Jewish by the Iraqi press and government dating back to the 1920s when the British mandate over Iraq was terminated.

The student involved asked that he be permitted to remain in this country under a law which says that "any alien who entered the U. S. prior to April

1, 1948 . . . and is a displaced person residing in the U.S. as defined in this section may apply to the Attorney General for an adjustment of his immigration status."

At the hearing, the attorneys for the student argued that "if Iraqi nationals of Jewish ancestry are denied the benefits of the DP Act and are compelled to return to Iraq, they will be obliged not to return to a homeland but to a prison they will go back not as citizens of a free community but as hostages without hope."

The student came to the United States in February 1946 and has been attending a college in the Philadelphia area. He is 26 years old.

RABBINICAL ASSEMBLY APPROVES PLAN FOR FLAG TO REPLACE ISRAELI BANNER

National Jewish Post

CONCORD HOTEL, Lake Kiamesha, N. Y.—A close and bitter fight at the 49th annual convention of the Rabbinical Assembly this week ended in a vote to revise the religious banner for the Jewish people to replace the present Israeli flag.

The proposal was offered by Rabbi S. Joshua Kohn in a report. Rabbi Louis Finkelstein, head of the Jewish Theological Seminary, supported a motion to have the resolution referred to the executive.

After his side lost by a 44 to 40 vote, he demanded a recount, a request which was turned down. The vote to set up machinery to devise a new flag was not as close.

Rabbi Kohn pointed out that in some states it is unlawful to display the flag of a foreign nation except when the executive of that nation is a guest.

The resolution authorized the Rabbinical Assembly to consult with other groups to gain universal acceptance of the proposed new banner.

GORDIS CALLS FOR COMMUNITY BASED ON FULL JEWISHNESS

National Jewish Post

CONCORD HOTEL, Lake Kiamesha, N. Y.—A revolutionary new concept of organized Jewish life based on maximum not minimum participation, which would exclude those who are Jewish only by philanthropy or their interest in fighting anti-Semitism was advocated this week by Rabbi Robert Gordis.

In an address before the 49th annual convention of the Rabbinical Assembly, Dr. Gordis, immediate past president of the Synagogue Council of America, criticized those who give allegiance only to fragments of Jewish life.

He listed ten principles which would guide his proposal for an organic Jewish community and demanded that national Jewish organizations should "no longer be permitted to usurp the monopoly of power and influence they now possess."

The local synagogue center would be the base of the new community at the local level, he proposed.

"Instead of the synagogue being perpetually exploited for every cause, good, bad and indifferent, the congregations would assume their proper role," in his concept, he said.

Ten Principles Listed

The ten principles called for the recognition of Jews throughout the world as a people; the Jewish religion as the heart of Jewish expression, the land of Israel as a source of creativity to enrich the lives of Jews everywhere.

He also urged Jews everywhere to remain an active and creative element in world Jewish life and thought, while maintaining their position as an integral element of the American people.

Other principles involved the recognition of Israel's destiny for advancing the Messianic ideas of one God and one humanity; as-

Seek Conservative Group In Israel?

National Jewish Post

CONCORD HOTEL, Lake Kiamesha, N. Y.—Reports circulated here this week that the four-man mission from the Rabbinical Assembly to Israel may seek a tie-up with an Israeli religious organization which might bring Conservative Judaism into Israel.

Members of the Rabbinical Assembly, meeting here in annual convention, pointed to the fact that Paoli Mizrahi, the labor wing of the Orthodox Mizrahi party in Israel, was known to favor liberalization in religious practices, frowned on by Mizrahi.

In his paper on the relationship of the U. S. Jewish community to Israel, Rabbi S. Joshua Kohn significantly proposed that the Rabbinical Assembly and the United Synagogue of America, "institution a joint program of building synagogue centers in Israel."

He also urged that the U. S. Conservative movement "send our own men, special trained to organize and direct these institutions."

assertion of the right of all Jews to fellowship in Israel as affirmed by Jewish tradition; a call for the establishment of cooperative relations between organic Jewish communities and those elements of the Jewish people who remain outside its scope; and assertion that Jewish education for children and adults must be the central concern and basic enterprise of the projected community.

Six Zionist Leaders Sentenced To Prison By Hungarian Reds

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

BUDAPEST—Six Zionist leaders and one non-Jew were convicted this week of organizing and promoting the illegal mass emigration of Israel-bound Hungarian Jews and were sentenced by a Hungarian court to varying sentences ranging from six months to three years. Three other defendants were acquitted.

The tenth was not tried at the same time because he was Orthodox and preferred not appearing in court on the Sabbath, the day on which the trial was held.

During the 15-hour trial the largest court room in Budapest was jammed with Jews who followed the proceedings attentively. No witnesses, other than the defendants, were heard. Three of the nine withdrew earlier confessions made to the police and two of the men who withdrew their confessions were acquitted. The other defendants pleaded guilty, either

fully or partially.

The chief defendants, Dr. Bela Denes, former vice-president of the dissolve Zionist Federation and a Mapai leader, and Sandor Kertesz, Mapai leader, were sentenced to three-year terms. Magda Weiss, 19-year-old Zionist youth leader, received a two-year two-month sentence; Menyor Fer, two years and six months; Sandor Dienes, the non-Jew, and Miklos Frankfurter, two years and eight months each; and, Aladar Felkai, two years and six

Essrig Warns Small Jewish Communities Resenting Drain of Funds To National Agencies

ST. JOSEPH, Mich.—Small Jewish communities are becoming more independent of the national Jewish agencies and are beginning to resent the drain of community resources to the harm of local religious, cultural and communal needs, Rabbi Harry Essrig of Grand Rapids said this week.

He spoke at the first Conference of Small Communities, sponsored by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds.

Rabbi Essrig told the representatives from small communities in Michigan, Ohio and Indiana that "the time is ripe for the small community to assert itself in the American scene."

He said such communities had learned a great deal through their participation in the huge

fund-raising campaigns for overseas needs of the past few years.

The conference threw its full support to efforts of the CJFWF to control the chaos of fund-raising in the U. S. and urged the CJFWF to continue to furnish communities with factual information on the budgets and programs of the national Jewish organizations which call on them for financial aid each year.

The three day conference recommended also that the smaller Jewish communities study the possibilities of a central Jewish community organization to handle problems of fund-raising, allocations, Jewish education, cultural activities and social welfare.

The conference also urged that small communities give serious consideration to new methods of cooperation between the communities for joint communal program.



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BRETTON WOODS, N. H.—

Dr. Jacob R. Marcus, Adolph S. Ochs Professor of Jewish History at Hebrew Union College, was scheduled this week to be named president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

The CCAR began its 60th annual conference here this week end with an address by outgoing president Dr. Abraham J. Feldman of Hartford, Conn., warning that the U. S. Reform movement would fight any tendencies toward a theocratic state in Israel. (Details elsewhere in this issue).

He also urged more financial support of religious and cultural aspects of American Jewish life and called the Reform movement financial situation "critical."

He urged adoption of a system of placement of pulpits and adoption of a "principle of tenure for rabbis."

months. Sandor Fleischmann and Dr. Bela Schwartz were acquitted. Jenoe Franekl, a Mizrahi leader, was the defendant who was not tried with the others.

Miss Weiss pleaded guilty, in one of the most dramatic speeches heard during the lengthy trial day. She told the court of her arrest by the Nazis, at the age of 13, and of her loss of both parents in concentration camps. She also disclosed that she had been imprisoned in the same camp as Chana Szenes, the Jewish heroine executed by the Nazis during the war. Pleading guilty only in the sense of having violated the Hungarian law, Miss Weiss asserted that her future lay in Israel alone.

In the period between May 1st and May 29th, a total of 23,342 newcomers entered Israel, of whom more than 1,600 came by air.

Says Won't Stoop to Mud-Slinging

Conservative Seattle Congregation "Regrets" Orthodox Rabbi's Slam

National Jewish Post

SEATTLE—A spokesman for Herzl Synagogue expressed "regret" this week for the attack by Rabbi Gersion Appel, Orthodox rabbinical leader, on a dinner sponsored by the Conservative congregation for its spiritual leader.

Rabbi Appel, spiritual leader of Bikur Cholim synagogue, charged that the dinner for Rabbi Samuel Penner was a desecration of the Sabbath and of dietary laws. (NJP June 17).

"We have thus far refrained from descending to the level of response of such mud-slinging," the Herzl Congregation spokesman said, "and we intend to maintain our dignity."

The spokesman also cited a report that representatives of Herzl Congregation and Reform Temple de Hirsch had joined to defeat a proposal by Orthodox representatives calling for observance of Sabbath closing and of dietary laws in a proposed Jewish Community Center. (NJP April 22).

Notes from minutes taken at the meeting were cited to prove that the debate had not involved a split of Orthodoxy versus Reform and Conservative on whether such conformity with tradition should be observed by the Center when it is built.

The minutes were detailed in an effort to demonstrate that the issue was the technical one of whether such observances should be written into the by-laws. The

minutes showed that Orthodox Sephardic Jews in Seattle also opposed inclusion of the observances in the by-laws, since such proposals normally are not included in Jewish Center basic documents.

Additional minutes of the meeting were cited to show that all those present agreed that Kashruth should be observed in a Jewish Center building as well as Sabbath closing.

"We know that the magnificent growth of our congregation during the past year of Rabbi Samuel Penner's leadership is the real cause of this fury," the Herzl spokesman said.

He said that there had been an increase in membership of 80 per cent and a boost of 500 per cent in the religious schools, as well as proportional increases in attendance at services, adult education and youth activities.

"All this was done by constructive hard work and we recommend that our fellow Orthodox Jews do likewise instead of making such attacks," the spokesman said. "Such things should not be done in Israel."

Ill. Senate Kills House-OK'd FEPC

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (NJP)—In a surprise reversal, the Illinois State Senate last week defeated legislation for fair employment practices, which had been regarded as almost certain of enactment.

The Senate killed the measure by three votes, after it had passed the house.

Gov. Adlai Stevenson, who had considered the measure "must" legislation, said he had hoped that "the state of Lincoln would be the leader in the struggle for civil rights and equal opportunity." He said the fight would go on.

During passionate debate, one state solon declared that the bill would hinder employers who would help men of their own national origin or belief.

Israeli Women Ask Tax Equality

TEL AVIV (JTA)—An Israeli women's delegation this week approached members of the Knesset with a demand for equal rights for women in relation to the new income tax law. The women insisted upon the right of married women to file separate income tax returns, a feature which is not included in the law.

They pointed out to the deputies that a married woman who files a joint return with her husband pays an inordinate amount of taxes. This state of affairs, they warned, would force married nurses and teachers to leave their jobs at a time when they are vitally needed in the national economy. The delegation won the support of the Mapam, but failed to enlist the aid of the Mapai and the Religious Front.

CATHOLIC COLLEGE APPOINTS RABBI AS PROFESSOR TO TEACH HEBREW

ERIE, Penn.—(NJP)—One of the first appointments of a rabbi to the faculty of a Catholic school was disclosed this week in appointment of Rabbi Abraham E. Shoulson as head of a new department of Hebrew and Middle East Institutions at Gannon College.

College officials said the new department was set up in recognition of the fact that Israel is a going concern and "more emphasis must be given to Hebrew as a modern language."